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GERMANY IS READY TO DISCUSS PEACE PROPOSALS "COMPATIBLE WITH HER DIGNITY AND SAFETY"

Declines Responsibility for a Further Continuation of War, Says Chancellor.

AMPLY ABLE, HOWEVER

Food Supplies Sufficient and Stores of Copper Adequate for Many Years Yet.

Must be Assured That War Will Not Return Again.

Berlin, Dec. 9 (by wireless to Sayville).—Germany is always ready to discuss peace proposals compatible with her dignity and safety, but the war can be terminated only by a peace which will give the certitude that war will not again return, declared the imperial chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, addressing the Reichstag today. The chancellor made it clear that, in his opinion, it would be folly for Germany to propose peace "as long as in the countries of our enemies the guilt and ignorance of statesmen are entangled with confusion of public opinion."

Declines Further Responsibility.

Conscious of her military successes, the chancellor said, Germany declines responsibility for a further continuation of the war. Germany, he declared, could not be charged with the purpose of fighting on to make further conquests. He asserted Germany's food supplies were sufficient and that her immense stores of copper were adequate for many years.

After Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg had made his statement, all parties except the socialists joined in a declaration approving the chancellor's utterances and endorsing the view that in the conditions of peace made after the war there must be guarantees for Germany's safetly, even if this implies annexation of territory.

The address of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, which has been awaited with extraordinary interest, was made in response to the socialist interpellation:

"Is the imperial chancellor ready to give information as to the conditions under which he would be willing to enter into peace negotiations?"

In his reply he said:

"As long as in the countries of our enemies the guilt and ignorance of statesmen are entangled with confusion of public opinion, it would be folly for Germany to make peace proposals which would not shorten, but would lengthen the duration of the war. First the masks must be torn from their faces.

"At present they speak of a war of annihilation against us. We have to take this fact into account. The retical arguments for peace or proposals peace will not advance us, will not bring the end nearer.

Will Discuss Enemies' Terms.

"If our enemies make peace proposals compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, then we shall always be ready to discuss them. Fully conscious of our unshaken military successes, we decline responsibility for continuation of the misery which now fills Europe and the whole world. No one can say that we continue the war because we still desire to conquer this or that country as a guarantee."

In these words the chancellor, with impassioned voice, stated the position of the German government on the question of peace. His remarks were enthusiastically cheered.

When Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg rose to reply to the interpellation presented by Dr. Schneidemann, socialist leader, silence fell over the whole house, but was soon broken by manifestations of approval. Several times the deputies and galleries interrupted him with cheers.

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg said that in the countries at war with Germany there had been much discussion of the Socialist interpellation, and that the knowledge that peace was to be discussed in the Reichstag had been a source of satisfaction to these countries. This was incomprehensible, in view of the success won in the campaign against Serbia which opened the road to Germany's Turkish allies and threatened the most vulnerable points of the British empire. Although this situation would explain a desire for peace on the part of Germany's enemies, he declared, none of them had made overtures. Instead, they were clinging to the intentions which they had announced publicly "with naive brutality" at the beginning of the war.

The chancellor then reviewed recent utterances concerning conditions of peace made in countries opposed to Germany, such as handing over of Alsace and Lorraine to France, the "annihilation of Prussian militarism," the expulsion of the Turks, cession of the left bank of the Rhine and the creation of a greater Serbia, including Bosnia.

It was true, the chancellor continue, that there were some persons in the countries at war with Germany who took a sensible position, but they were in the minority, and their voices, like

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CHANCELLOR VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG.

Berlin, Dec. 9. (by Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—"If our enemies make peace proposals compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, then we shall always be ready to discuss them," said the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, in addressing the Reichstag today.

GREATER ARMY IS NEED OF AMERICA

Garrison Submits Remarkable Report to President.

SAYS WAR INEVITABLE

Declares if Continental Army Plan Fails United States Will Face Some Form of Compulsory Military Service.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Secretary Garrison declares in his annual report to the President, made public tonight, that if the administration plan for a Continental army fails, the United States will face some form of compulsory military service.

In what many men in official life characterize as the most remarkable report ever made by a Secretary of War, Mr. Garrison passes quickly over the widespread routine activities of the War Department and devotes practically all his words to the subject of military preparedness, the need for which he sums up by saying:

"So long as right and wrong exist in the world there will be an inevitable conflict between them. The right-doers must be prepared to protect and defend the right as against the wrong."

Unsparing in his arguments in answer to those who would have no increase in the country's military preparedness, Secretary Garrison declares that the American people must view their responsibilities and measure up to them, and then goes on to take up the various arguments of the opposition separately.

"There are some who do not feel free to base their conduct upon a consideration of facts or conclusions of reason, because of their interpretation of Divine injunction," he says. "They do not believe in resistance to physical force; and those whose consciences are so convinced surrender life and all that they cherish and love at the behest of the aggressor. This attitude concerns the individual, and him alone. It cannot be made the general rule of conduct under our form of government without departing from the basis upon which our government is founded. One is impelled to query upon what proper consideration there is based any distinction between the right or necessity or desirability of using mental force to repel error, moral force to repel evil, and physical force to repel wrong. It would seem, if reason were applied, that in each instance the situation is identical; and that if we should properly prepare our minds to be strong so that we can reject error, and our moral characters to be strong so that we can reject evil, we should likewise make our physical force

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NAVY YARD TO BUILD TWO NEW BATTLESHIPS

Contracts Let to New York and Mare Island Plants.

Private Bids Exceeded Cost Limit Set by Congress—Keels to be Laid in August or September of Next Year.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Secretary Daniels announced today that contracts for the construction of battleships Nos. 43 and 44, authorized by the last Congress, had been awarded to the New York and Mare Island navy yards, respectivley, their bids being, New York $7,690,925; Mare Island, $7,314,156. The decision to build the ships in the government yards was reached at a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Daniels. All bids submitted by private firms exceeded the cost fixed by Congress for construction of the vessels.

The Secretary announced that he would ask Congress to authorize the equipment of the navy yard at Philadelphia for battleship construction at a cost of approximately $1,000,000 in order to be better prepared for the increased building programme contemplated in the administration defense plans.

Keels of battleships Nos. 43 and 44, Mr. Daniels said, could be laid in August or September of next year. The battleship California, now building at the New York yard, will be off the ways by that time.

The Mare Island estimate included several hundred thousand dollars for enlarging stocks to take a 32,000 ton ship. Material for this work will be purchased immediately and contracts for the structural steel of both ships probably will be awarded tomorrow.

In submitting its estimates the New York yard proposed to build either a turbine drive ship or one equipped with the combined steam and electrical machinery first authorized for a heavy warship when this system was decided upon for the California. The Mare Island yard estimated on only one, a turbine drive vessel.

Secretary Daniels said a decision would be reached later as to whether the electric drive system should be installed on one or both of the new ships. Estimates for electric drive were lower than those of the straight turbine type.

Secretary Daniels said his determination to order the construction of the ships in navy yards had been talked over with the chairman of the Senate and House naval committees and the reasons for the decision explained to

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FIRE COMPLETELY DESTROYS THE TOWN OF HOPEWELL, VA.

Flames Starting in Restaurant Quickly Spread Over Business and Residential Section—Loss Estimated at From $1,000,000 to $3,000,000—Dupont Works Escape—Martial Law is Declared

Hopewell, Va., Dec. 9. — This mushroom town of 25,000 people, grown up since last summer with the great new gun cotton plant of the Du Pont Powder Company, was completely destroyed today by a fire which started in a restaurant and did property damage estimated at from one to three million dollars. The Du Pont works, outside of the settlement, was undamaged, but was once seriously threatened. Villages A and B, near Hopewell, built to house the families of married employees of the factory, also escaped.

Scenes of wild disorder accompanied the fire, and citizens lynched a negro for looting. There was no loss of life otherwise, and only a few minor injuries were reported. Martial law was proclaimed tonight, with the arrival of six militia companies, rushed from Richmond, by order of Governor Stuart. The thousands of homeless men, women and children had been sent to Petersburg and Richmond, but many men remained to guard what little property they had been able to save.

Blaze Started From Oil Stove.

The fire was said to have been caused by the overturning of an oil stove, though there were rumors that it had been incendiary. These rumors first were given credence in many quarters because of the arrest last night at the gun cotton factory of a man who, factory officials said, had attempted to put a charge of nitro-glycerine in one of the beater houses and had been under surveillance for several days.

The fire raged from 1:45 P. M. until nearly 9 P. M. Available fire fighting apparatus was utterly inadequate to cope with the situation, the flames eating their way through the flimsy frames, quickly thrown up during the early days of the town last summer, like so much tinder.

Several times sparks set fire to mule sheds of the explosive factory, but the flames which followed were quickly extinguished.

The Factory Closed.

When it was seen that the town was doomed and the great gun cotton plant endangered, orders were issued suspending all operations and the factory closed. The employes were set to work protecting the buildings from flying sparks. The gravest danger was from woods nearby which caught fire and were still burning late tonight.

About 4 o'clock in the afternoon, one-half of the town's water supply was cut off, when poles which swept a portion of the high tension for the Du-Ponts fell, snapping the wires which feed the current to the Appomattox river electric pumping station. It was feared that the remainder of the wires would go, but prompt efforts by workmen prevented.

Hopewell policemen, assisted by a special force of the powder company, held the situation well in hand until the troops arrived. There was the greatest confusion and bewildermen, but few attempts at looting.

Many Rendered Homeless.

Many of those who had personal belongings and household goods removed them to places of safety. Surrounding the community, which lay in ashes, early tonight could be seen men, women and children seated upon such belongings as they had been able to save. It was not unusual to see men standing nearby with freely displayed revolvers to protect themselves against robbery.

While the fire raged the police were busy on all sides, keeping back a great throng of people eager to get near the flaming structures.

As soon as it was realized that the place was doomed the police assisted by experts from the powder plant, began dynamiting buildings.

When the excitement was subsiding tonight the population literally evacuated the place. Families, individuals and small parties of friends and strangers set out, carrying with them possessions they had saved. The more fortunate occupied motors and some got away in horse-drawn conveyances, but many trudged along on foot. Some found refuge at Dupont City, which was at no time threatened; others went to City Point, but most made their way to Petersburg.

Petersburg Saloons Closed.

On account of the great influx of people into Petersburg, Mayor Cabiness ordered all saloons in that city closed early tonight. A company of militia was called out on duty, to aid the police in controlling the crowds while the city council, chamber of commerce, the Y. M. C. A., churches, and other organizations and individuals took quick action to provide temporary shelter for those who had lost their homes.

Fanned by a 20-mile-an-hour northeast wind the flames swept over Hopewell at a rapid rate, and burned themselves out when they reached a lumber yard situated at the intersection of Woodland avenue and the tracks of the Norfolk & Western railway.

When all chance of danger had passed, the Dupont plant resumed its operations and the night shift men took their accustomed places at 11 o'clock.

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BAPTISTS PLAN FOR SEASIDE ASSEMBLY FOR NEXT SUMMER

State Convention Adjourns, Following an Eleventh Hour Sensation.

ELIZABETH CITY NEXT

Wants Laws to Cut Out Liquor Advertising and Sale of Wine and Cider.

(By T. W. CHAMBLISS.)

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 9.—The Baptist State Convention unexpectedly adjourned at midnight tonight, instead of holding over till Friday, as usual, to meet next year with Blackwell Memorial church in Elizabeth City. Rev. C. B. Waller, of Asheville, was named to preach the annual sermon and Rev. John Jeter Hurt, of Durham, as alternate. Adjournment was taken because when the regular hour for adjournment for the night came, the Convention had finished all its work except the memorial service, and it was decided to hold this tonight rather than continue the Convention in session another day.

When Dr. R. T. Vann stepped from the platform tonight after his great appeal for education, the unexpected happened and again did this session of the convention break a record. This time it was Rev. I. N. Loftin, of Elizabeth City, who started things. Dr. Loftin read a short resolution which proposed the elimination of all teachers other than Baptist teachers from Baptist schools.

Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, was on his feet in a flash, exclaiming: "I hope every member of this convention will vote against the resolution, for it is the biggest foolishness I ever heard of."

The convention stirred uneasily, and Rev. W. C. Barrett, of Gastonia, was quick to demand that Mr. Johnson withdraw his remarks. Dr. Loftin stood his ground and said that he demanded his right as a Baptist minister on the floor of the convention. Dr. Baylus Cade, as peacemaker, urged Dr. Loftin to withdraw his resolution. Arch. Johnson withdrew his remarks and explained that he meant the remarks in a spirit of levity.

"I can beat the world taking things back," said Mr. Johnson. Then Dr. Loftin and Mr. Johnson shook hands, standing in front of the pulpit.

But still the resolution would not down—delegate after delegate made remarks and, finally, Dr. Loftin rose to a question of personal privilege and told how he had talked the resolution over with a number of men and he named Rev. C. E. Maddry, Rev. T. W. O'Kelly, Rev. W. N. Johnson, Vice President E. F. Aydlett and Dr. L. Johnson, and that none of them had considered it foolishness.

Dr. Baylus Cade added a bit of explosiveness when he remarked "This is entirely a matter of policy" and Dr. Loftin had a right to express his views without unfair criticism, and, more than that, "I do not believe that it is impossible to find Baptist teachers."

Finally, it was all over, the resolution was not acted on.

President J. A. Oates announced at 10 o'clock that the business of the convention had been concluded except the memorial service, and the last hour was spent in tributes to those who passed on, and at midnight the 85th annual session adjourned.

For Summer Assembly.

The summer assembly, so successfully held at Wrightsville Beach last season, will be a feature of the coming summer. The report of the committee was adopted and plans made for the coming season. The name was changed to the Baptist Seaside Assembly, and the State mission board asked to make an appropriation for expenses. The committee in charge of the assembly is J. A. Oates, C. J. Hunter, C. L. Greaves, J. A. Sullivan, W. G. Hall, H. B. Harkel, Jr., and Livingston Johnson.

The night session was given over to an educational mass meeting. Rev. Dr. R. T. Vann delivered a telling address, pleading for Christian education.

More Stringent Prohibition.

This morning the convention adopted resolutions demanding the passage of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of wines or hard cider as a beverage; also a law which would prohibit the circulation or sale of any newspaper carrying liquor advertising. The Anti-Saloon League was endorsed.

Elizabeth City Wants It.

Blackwell Memorial Baptist church at Elizabeth City asks for the Convention of 1916. The following telegram strengthens the invitation:

"At a regular meeting of the board of aldermen of Elizabeth City, held Monday, the following resolution was passed by a unanimous vote:

"'Upon motion it is ordered by the board of aldermen of Elizabeth City that the mayor be and is hereby instructed to extend to the Baptist State Convention an invitation to hold their next annual meeting in December, 1916, at Elizabeth City with Blackwell Memorial church, which church, the board is advised, will at the Convention in Charlotte this week extend to the convention an invitation to meet with them.'

"I, therefore, as mayor of Elizabeth City, extend to the Baptist State Convention a most hearty invitation to

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RIVALRY KEEN FOR THE TRAINING CAMP

Wilmington Delegation Making Determined Effort.

SEVEN TOWNS WANT IT

Generally Understood That Southern Camp Will Come to North Carolina, but What Place is Open Question Yet.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Wilmington is going to make a determined effort to have the proposed citizens' training camp, which the War Department has announced will be established in the South, located either at Wilmington or Southport. A delegation of the most influential citizens of the sea coast city came here today prepared to meet any demand the Secretary of War might make in order that the camp may be established near Wilmington.

The committee which came here today includes Col. Walker Taylor, Collector of Customs; H. C. McQueen, president of the Murchison National bank; M. J. Corbett, W. J. Craig and J. O. Carr. They conferred with Senators Simmons and Overman and Representative Godwin and also with Secretary of War Garrison. The Secretary promised to give Wilmington's claim consideration before a final decision is reached.

Both Senators Simmons and Overman will do their best to have the camp established in North Carolina. They will refuse, however, to intercede for any city or town. Representative Godwin, of course, wants the camp in his district and is co-operating with the Wilmington committee and also with the delegation from Fay-

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HOLLWEG'S SPEECH FEATURE OF NEWS

Completely Dashes Any Hope for an Early Peace.

LONDON NOT SURPRISED

Anglo-French in Southeastern Serbia Retiring Before the Onslaughts of the Bulgars—Battles in Mesopotamia.

London, Dec. 9.—The speech in the Reichstag of the Imperial Chancellor Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, reviewing the military, political and economic progress of events, and his reply to a socialists interpellation, declining to initiate peace negotiations, were the features of the day's news throughout Europe.

Following closely Premier Asquith's somewhat similar reply to a question in the house of commons by Philip Snowden, socialist, the chancellor's speech has completely dashed any hopes the peace advocates may have held in an early termination of the war. It caused no surprise, however, to the great bulk of the people here, who, like the governments, believe in the ultimate victory of the Entente Allies and express the determination to continue to fight until victory is attained.

As far as the Entente Allied countries are concerned, seemingly the only change desired is one which would insure a more vigorous prosecution of the war, but this, like peace, will have to await events, for the whole campaign is entering a new phase.

Anglo-French Are Retiring.

Having arrived too late to prevent the invasion of Serbia, the British and French forces in the southeastern part of Serbia are now retiring before the onslaughts of the Bulgarians, who,

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FOUR ARMY PLANS DIFFER RADICALLY

Chairmen Chamberlain and Hay Each Draft Bills.

FOR COMMITTEES ONLY

Show Wide Divergence from Each Other and Also From President's Proposals and War Department's Plan.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Congressional military circles will be confronted with four radically differing plans for building up national defense as urged by President Wilson when they settle down next week to the work of framing army measures to be presented to both houses. Aside from the administration plan outlined in the President's message, the Senate and House committees will have before them tentative schemes offered by Senator Chamberlain and Representative Hay, their respective chairmen, and also the plan prepared at Secretary Garrison's direction by the war college division of the army general staff.

Copies of the Chamberlain and Hay bills, which are designed for committee consideration only, and will not be introduced in either house, became available today. They show wide divergence both from each other and from the plan advocated by President Wilson, which itself was based upon a considerable modification, it is understood, of the war college plan.

All four plans propose a sweeping reorganization of the regular army from top to bottom and creation of an adequate reserve for the regular line, and on officers-reserve corps.

The Chamberlain plan has little in common with the administration pro-

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ANCONA NOTE NOT YET MADE PUBLIC

View Taken That Passengers Were Not Given Safety.

AS VIRTUALLY ADMITTED

Note Based Primarily on Austrian Official Statement Indicating Ship Was Torpedoed With Passengers Aboard.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The note the United States has sent to Austria-Hungary on the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona was based, it was learned tonight, primarily upon the virtual admission of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty in its official statement, that the ship was torpedoed before all the passengers had been removed to a place of safety. It was also stated the the position of the United States, as outlined in its communication asking reparation for American lives lost and assurance that such acts will not be repeated, is that no matter whether a merchantman stops upon the firing of a warning shot by a warship or after a pursuit, all the passengers must be removed before the vessel is sunk.

The text of the note was not made public tonight, as it had been indicated it would be. Officials of the State Department refused to discuss the communication in any way, declining even to admit that it had been sent. It was said that the failure to give out the note for publication was due to the fact that the State Department had not been advised of its arrival at Vienna.

Baron Erich Zweidenck, 'charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, called upon Counsellor Polk of the State Department late today, remaining with him for nearly an hour. At the con-

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ROOSEVELT CAUSE OF EXCLUDING STEAMSHIPS

From Bill of Equity Filed Against New Haven.

Mellen Says Former President Acted Because of Misunderstanding Over Question of Selling Properties to Morse.

New York, Dec. 9.—Theodore Roosevelt, as President, was responsible, Charles S. Mellen testified today, for the failure of Attorney General Bonaparte to include control of steamship lines in the bill of equity he filed against the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad in 1908 under the Sherman anti-trust law.

The testimony was elicited from Mr. Mellen as part of the case for the defense today in the trial of the 11 former directors of the New Haven railroad on the charge of criminal violation of the Sherman law. Mr. Mellen testified that the reason Colonel Roosevelt ordered the exclusion of the steamship feature was because of a misunderstanding Mellen had with him over what had been said in his interview with the then President in 1907 on the question of the New Haven's selling all its steamship properties to Charles W. Morse. Mellen had previously testified that Colonel Roosevelt had not favored the New Haven's disposing of the properties to Morse.

"At a later date," said Mr. Mellen today, "Mr. Roosevelt felt that I had used what he said as a basis for going further than I was entitled to. I was very much exercised over this misunderstanding, not only of my personal relations with Mr. Roosevelt, but because he was President of the United States. I was not content to rest easy and have him think I had taken advantage of him. I obtained from Herbert Knox Smith (commissioner of corporations, who was present at the interview) a memorandum of what had transpired, which sustained me and satisfied me that I was right."

"Did that satisfy Mr. Roosevelt?" asked Charles F. Choate, cross examiner for the defense.

"No man is convinced against his will, and Mr. Roosevelt has a will. But he did do this. He excluded from the bill of equity filed against the New Haven during his administration all mention of steamship lines."

There was never any "preconceived plan" on the part of the directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad to monopolize the transportation traffic of New England, Mr. Mellen testified. The growth of the New Haven system, he said, was a process of evolution and a consequence of an attempt to give New England an efficient transportation system.

What impelled the New Haven to enlarge its system, he said, was the necessity of controlling more business to support the "enormous expenditures" on properties already acquired and to meet the demand of the public for more and better facilities.

HANSON-VARGA MATCH.

Return Wrestling Bout at Academy of Music Tonight of Much Interest.

The wrestling match tonight at the Academy of Music promises to be one of the most interesting yet. Hanson has agreed to meet Joe Varga again, provided Varga will put up a forfeit with a committee which Hanson has also agreed to do, guaranteeing that the match is to be in strict accordance with the rules for scientific wrestling. With the hammer and tong s stunts barred, it is thought that the match will still have enough excitement to make it interesting to the fans.

The big Hungarian is some 20 pounds heavier than Hanson, but the latter has plenty of skill and appears to be confident that he can win. Who ever wins, the match will be full of interest from the start and the fans are promised a match worth while.

TIJE NAME IS CONFUSING

Manager Bailey Wants it Understood "September Morn" is High Class.

Manager George W. Bailey, of the Academy of Music, states that "September Morn," a musical comedy to be presented in Wilmington tomorrow, should not be confused in its costuming or stage settings with the famous Chabas' painting from which the title is taken for the play. Mr. Bailey states that the play is clean and high class in every respect placing the attraction upon a level, deserving the support of every lover of light opera.

Twelve-Year-Old Hobo.

Jesse Brown, a 12-year-old white boy, was picked up last night down on the wharf at the foot of Chestnut street by Policeman H. G. Smith and taken to the police station and given a bed for the night. Jesse said he is an orphan boy, and had been working with a man at Ashley Junction, near Charleston, S. C., and was trying to make his way to Newbern, where he said he has a sister, Mrs. Sadie White. The boy is thinly clad, and poorly fed. He is without money and was trying to beat his way to Newbern. He was very well satisfied last night to be taken up by the police, who will try to locate his sister today.

COUGHED NIGHT AND DAY

How This Little Orphan Boy Was Cured.

We want the people of Wilmington to know that all letters like the following are truthful and genuine:—

Towanda, Pa. "I took a little orphan boy to live with me and last Christmas he contracted a hard cold which developed into bronchitis. He was very ill and a bad cough set in so that he coughed night and day. After trying everything, nothing seemed to do him any good, until along in February I got a bottle of Vinol. After using half the bottle his cough began to improve, and two bottles entirely cured his bronchitis and he gained in weight so that he doesn't look like the same child." Harry A. Stephenson, Towanda, Pa.

The reason that cough syrups fail in such cases is because they are palliative only, while Vinol removes the cause, being a constitutional remedy in which are combined the healing elements of fresh cods' livers, together with tonic iron and beef peptone. It strengthens and revitalizes the entire system and assists nature to expel the disease. Robert R. Bellamy, Druggist, Wilmington, N. C.

AUTOMOBILES IN STATE ARE MORE THAN 20,000

Charlotte Man May Run for Corporation Commissioner.

W. T. Lee, However, Thinks He is Due a Second Term—New $40,000 School Building at Spray. New Corporations.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 9.—There is much interest in the prospect for the entry of W. W. Watt, of Charlotte, into the race for corporation commissioner to succeed W. T. Lee, of Waynesville, who is seeking re-nomination for a second term of office. Mr. Watt has been mentioned for several weeks past but has not entered definitely into the race. He is merely quoted as writing friends who are making inquiry as to the matter that:

"Membership on the board of Corporation Commissioners is the one office that would tempt me, for there I could conserve the sinews of educational training best and help every boy and girl in North Carolina to their rightful heritage of an opportunity to be properly educated. This is my consuming desire and unbridled ambition."

Mr. Watt was for a number of years chairman of the Mecklenburg county board of education and brought about reforms in the Mecklenburg tax system designed to increase the county educational fund.

Commissioner Lee, against whom Mr. Watt would be pitted, if he should enter the race for Corporation Commissioner, is urging that it is the established custom of the Democratic party to give a faithful servant at least a second term and that he is confidently appealing to his fellow Democrats in the State to accord him the same expression of confidence in this way that they always exercise in such cases.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has gone to Spray, Rockingham county, to take part tonight in ceremonies for the dedication of a splendid new public school building for the town. It is constructed along most approved lines and at a cost of around $40,000.

There are now 20,700 outstanding automobile licenses in this State, according to the records in the Department of State. This is about 5,000 more than ever before.

New Corporations.

The L. H. Fountain Department Store, (Inc.), of Tarboro, R. F. D., was chartered today with $25,000 capital authorized and $5,000 subscribed for general mercantile business.

Another charter is for the Griffin Co., of Rocky Mount, capital $25,000 authorized and $3,000 subscribed by W. R., E. P. and G. R. Griffin, for a general farm supply business.

The Snider-Wilcox-Fletcher Co., of Durham, changes its name to the Snider-Fletcher Co. M. Snider is president.

The Durham County Agricultural Society increases its capital to $100,000. J. H. Southgate is president.

SCOUTS ORGANIZE TROUP.

Southside Baptist Church Boys Initiated Last Night.

A Boy Scout Troup was organized last night at Southside Baptist church, it having been worked up by Mr. Carter, Sunday school secretary, and Mr. Holden, church boys' work secretary.

Messrs. Odis B. Hinnant and C. W. Johnson, of the Y. M. C. A., and patrol leaders, William Ek, Howard Penton and Harry Tucker, assisted in the organization, and all made interesting speeches on Boy Scout work at the social that followed the initiation, which was put on by Mr. Odis B. Hinnant. Mr. Howard Penton presented all the new members with their badges and certificates.

The social that followed was a most enjoyable affair. The new troupe served refreshments and all had a jolly time.

PRESENTATION EXERCISES.

Handsome Animal Drinking Fountain to be Given by School Children.

Mayor P. Q. Moore will officially accept the handsome animal drinking fountain, at 14th and Market streets, on behalf of the city, just one week from today. The fountain is the gift of the school children, each school in the city will send a representation to the exercises, and it is probable that the presentation will be made by Superintendent J. J. Blair, of the city schools.

The fountain was given the schools by Miss Annie M. Dore, of Arlington, Mass., indirectly for the city. Her name, with other inscriptions, are in the plate that has been attached to the fountain. The exercises will be held at 14th and Market streets.

DEATH OF MRS. PALFREY.

Aged Woman Died Yesterday at Home of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Cranmer.

Mrs. Augusta M. Palfrey, widow of the late George Palfrey, of New Orleans, La., and sister of the late Rt. Rev. A. A. Watson, of this city, died yesterday morning at 9:40 o'clock at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Cranmer, No. 207 South Fourth street. She was 83 years old and had been in good health until about two weeks ago.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence yesterday afternoon by Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton, rector of St. James' Episcopal church. The remains were sent to Orleans, La., and the interment will take place there today. Mrs. Palfrey's son, Mr. Herbert Palfrey, arirved in Wilmington this week and returned yesterday to New Orleans.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed for record yesterday: D. L. Gore and wife to Brunswick Bridge & Ferry Co., for $100, one-half acre of land in Brunswick county, near Brunswick river bridge; Wm. M. Atkinson and wife to M. Ashley Curtis, Jr., for $10 and other considerations, lot on west side of 10th street, 132 feet north of Marsteller, 66x165 feet in size; The New Hanover Transit Company to Mrs. Hilda F. Croom, lot 8 in block 1, Carolina Beach; Lucy Davis to Allen Mobley and wife, for $10 and other considerations, five acres in Cape Fear township, adjoining property of Dockery Haywood and others; Owen Martindale and wife to Jessie Lathrop, trustee, for $1 and other considerations, part of his property in Masonboro township, about five miles from the city. It is understood that the property is to be divided into farms and sold.

TO CONSIDER GENERAL STRIKE ON RAILROADS

If Wage Increase and Eight-Hour Day is Not Granted.

Railroad Labor Union Officials Declare There Will be No Arbitration. Would Affect Every Road in the Country.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Leaders of organized labor unions of the railroads arrived here today preparatory to holding a secret conference tomorrow to consider whether a general strike on all the railroads of the country shall be called next spring unless the transportation lines grant increases in wages for overtime and an eight-hour day. The labor union officials declare there will be no arbitration.

They assert that the decision last spring by the board of arbitration, giving the engineers and firemen only a small part of the wage increase demanded, has caused dissatisfaction in the ranks of the employes. Labor union officials attending include:

W. S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen; W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and A. B. Garretson, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors.

Timothy Shea, assistant to the president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, said today:

"This time there will be no arbitration. The principle of arbitration is excellent but it has been abused. There is no secret about what we are after. We will flatly demand an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime. If we don't get what we ask we will walk out and every railroad in the country, involving more than 350,000 men, will be affected."

TWO TENNESSEE RAILROADS ARE CHARGED WITH FREE PASS ABUSE

Petition Asks Investigation of L. & N. and N. C. & St. L. Roads.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Senator Lea, of Tennessee, petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission today to investigate charges that the Louisville & Nashville, and Nashville, Chattanoga & St. Louis railroads furnish free passes to Tennessee public officials "to seduce and corrupt them" in violation of the Interstate Commerce act.

The petition refers to the commission's investigation several months ago into practices of the two roads and says that all the "unlawful and corrupt practices" which the commission found they had pursued, still are being persisted in.

"This," says the petition, "is particularly true with reference to the free pass abuses."

Included in the petition is a portion of one of the commission's representations setting forth that the value of the actual aggregate travel on free passes over the two roads amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The Senator charges that passes are granted for interstate as well as intrastate journeys and says he has reason to believe that important and influential shippers and other patrons of the two carriers have received the same sort of favors.

RIVALRY KEEN FOR THE TRAINING CAMP

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etteville, both of which are bending every effort to secure the camp.

Seven Towns Pulling.

It is generally understood that the camp will go to the State, but no one has any intimation where it will be located. Greensboro, Wilmington, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Hickory, Asheville and Charlotte have offered sites and Senator Overman and Representative Hood have asked the War Department to send army officers to each of the contesting cities to ascertain which offers the best advantages for such a camp.

As it is expected that at least 3,000 men will join the camp, the rivalry between the towns contesting for the site is going to be very keen.

It is estimated that many thousands of dollars will be spent by the men who join the colors and therefore the business people of the State are exerting every effort to secure the prize.

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UNIQUE CONTEST PLANNED.

Round Dozen Club of Y. M. C. A. to Have Membership Hunt.

The Round Dozen Club of the Y. M. C. A. will give a treasure hunt for membership tickets from 10:30 to 12 o'clock tomorrow. Two membership tickets, each good for one year's membership in the boys' division, will be hid, one south of Market street, the other north of Market street.

All the boys of the city, not members of the Y. M. C. A., between the ages of 12 and 18, are eligible for the hunt, provided they meet at the Y. M. C. A. and register between 10 and 10:30 o'clock tomorrow. All those registering and going out for the hunt are invited to return to the association building at 12:30 o'clock for a free luncheon.

INCREASE IN WATER RATES NOT TO AFFECT SMALL USER

Minimum Charge Remains $2.50 and Few Households Use Excess.

The recent 20 per cent increase in water rates will not affect the small user very much, according to a statement yesterday from Councilman Jones, in charge of the Water and Sewerage Department, because the minimum rate has not been changed from $2.50. The only difference being that the small user will only get 2,000 cubic feet a month for his $2.50 instead of 2,500, a few small households use all of the 2,000 feet, hence, they will not feel the raise very much. This is still true, even though they use a few hundred cubic feet more than that, for the home that uses 3,000 cubic feet will only pay 70 cents more than in the past, and the one using 2,000 feet or less will get it at exactly the same price.

Special Meeting Rotary Club.

There will be a special meeting of the Rotary Club at the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon at 1 o'clock. There will be no luncheon, but just a half hour's business session.

FOUR GERMANS TAKEN FROM AMERICAN SHIP

Liner Coamo Stopped by the French Cruiser Des Cartes.

Germans Were Members of the Liner's Crew—Chief Steward Schaade of Liner Carolina Taken on Wednesday Night.

San Juan, P. R., Dec. 9.—The Porto Rico liner Coamo, an American vessel, was stopped this morning by the French cruiser Des Cartes, which took four German firemen from the merchantman. The search lasted from 2 to 5:30 o'clock, the officers and crew and the entire list of passengers being examined.

It is reported that the Des Cartes was looking for Waldemar Hepp, German consul at San Juan, and John Stubbe, the Austrian consul, who are now in New York.

Chief Steward Schaade, of the Porto Rico liner Carolina, was taken from that vessel last night.

IMMUNE FROM ARREST.

Unless Seamen Are Active Unites of German Fighting Forces.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A German seaman aboard an American vessel on the high seas is immune from arrest by Germany's enemies, in the view of the State Department, unless it can be shown that he is an active member of German naval or military forces.

Department officials made this clear today in commenting informally on news dispatches that five Germans had been forcibly removed from the American merchantmen Coamo and Carolina by the French cruiser Des Cartes. It was said the captured men, provided they were not units in the German fighting forces, were as much entitled to American protection as they would have been on American soil.

The department tonight had no official advices on the seizures, and until such advices are received, no action will be taken.

HOLLWEG'S SPEECH FEATURE OF NEWS

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supported by German artillery and infantry, have been attacking both the British and the French and compelling them to give up advanced positions.

According to reports from Saloniki, the retirement is being carried out in an orderly manner but how far it is to continue is a matter of much speculation. Opinion is divided as to whether it would not be better to abandon the entire expedition or retain Saloniki as a base. The latter alternative would, it is believed, further endanger the relations of the Entente Allies with Greece, which even now are far from satisfactory and be an indictment to the Central Powers to follow the Entente forces across the Creek frontier.

Battles in Mesopotamia.

Besides the battles in the Balkans the British are watching with deep interest the operations in Mesopotamia, where a fight is now taking place for Kut El Amara and in Arabia, the Turks in the latter region having commenced another advance on Aden. They made a similar attempt on Aden last July but were driven back. As Aden and its vicinity as well as the shores of the straits of Bab-El-Mandeb, leading from the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden, are well fortified, it is not believed an advance is seriously intended here.

WILL MAKE TWO SPEECHES.

President Wilson Also Will Attend Reception at Columbus, Ohio.

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Wilson left tonight for Columbus, Ohio, where tomorrow he will deliver two addresses and attend a reception at the state capitol building. He is making the trip on a special train.

The President's first speech, to be delivered at a noon luncheon before the Columbus chamber of commerce, will be devoted to business. The other, which he will make at night before the Churches of Christ in Federal Council of America, is expected to deal largely with problems facing farmers.

From the time of his arrival until noon, the President will rest at a Columbus Hotel. The only feature of his visit of a political character will be the afternoon reception, given under the auspices of the Franklin county Democratic organization.

GREATER ARMY IS NEED OF AMERICA

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strong in order that we may maintain the right as against those who would physically impose the wrong upon us.

"There are others concerning whose clarity of vision we are not advised, and concerning whose soundness of reason we are not informed, because the attitude which they take is admittedly not based upon either vision or reason. They are those who predict that war will never come to this country, and assert that therefore precautions with respect thereto are unwise and needless. Since wars have come upon nations from the earliest date of recorded history to this moment, there is no basis of fact for such a position but an actual demonstration of the non-existence of such basis. We were early warned that there would be wars and rumors of wars, and that nation would rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom and the end was not yet; and that prediction has been fully verified. There is no basis and no foundation to conclude that this great evil has been eliminated, and it therefore must be treated as are all other existing evils and must be prepared against. Surely, as between resting upon prediction or upon preparation, wisdom would not hesitate.

"There are others among us who are too intelligent and clear-sighted not to see the facts and to realize their significance, but who counsel inaction because they mistrust themselves and the nation. Those to whom I now refer do not believe in the doctrine of non-resistance; they do not rest upon the prediction that an evil which has existed since the world began has ceased to exist and been abolished and should not therefore be considered as one to be prepared against; they even point out our potentiality of force, but they counsel against any preparation thereof. They base this counsel upon the expressed fear that if we possess force, we will be induced to use it when we should not. This position ignores the responsibilities which we have undertaken and which we must maintain at any self-sacrifice. It ignotes the fact that if nations which possess force are likely to use it when they should not, some nation which has such force is likely to use it against us when it should not. It assumes that our nation may not be trusted with force for fear that it may misuse it.

"The eyes of many are blinded to fact and their minds closed to reason by an abhorrence of what they term 'militarism,' without any actual conception of just what this means or how it should affect the proper consideration of the subject. Those who really fear militarism, or, more accurately stated, those who dread militarism, should be the strongest advocates of reasonable preparation. The latter is the preventive of militarism. If they unwisely defeat reasonable preparedness, they leave the country in a condition where the inevitable result of defeat, humiliation or acute apprehension will be hasty and ill-advised provisions as to armament far beyond anything which calm reason and wise provision would deem necessary.

"There will be those who assert that the proposed policy opposes the traditions of the people and runs counter thereto. This is mere assertion; it is not the fact, and in truth the fact is to the country. The proposed policy is exactly in keeping with our traditions."

"There will also be those who will express regret that the policy heretofore pursued, of lack of proper military precautions, is to be departed from because it has been invaluable as an example to the rest of the world and we should not remedy the lack because we would then cease to be such an example. It should be observed first, in considering this point of view, that it entirely overlooks the vital and imperative duty to ourselves which requires that we should protect and defend that which we cherish and hold dear. Furthermore, it overlooks the fact that although we have been just the example that they desire throughout the more than a century and a quarter of our existence, the results existing in the world today do not warrant the belief that our example has had any beneficial effect.

"There are some who decry taking any precautions or making any preparations of the military power of the Nation because they say it will not prevent war but will provoke it. Men and nations must prepare to meet their responsibilities: if it is inadvisable to develop strength sufficient to repel wrong because such developed strength may be misused, human nature has indeed reached an impasse. Why should it be presumed that a just man or a just nation will cease to be just because it has the power to be unjust? We must either trust others or trust ourselves.

"Another stumbling block to some is the suggestion that no preparation should be made and no precaution should be taken because no one can foretell how much we may have to meet and what we will require to meet it. Here again the idea embodied in this suggestion would stay all human progress. There will be some who assert that the devastating effects and the horror produced by the war now being waged make it certain that war will be avoided for a long period of time after the close of the present war. They will argue that the exhaustion of resources and the recollection of the awful suffering will have the effect of deterring nations from entering upon war. What basis is there for such belief? Certainly such basis cannot be found in history—our own or that of other nations.

"There will be those who believe and assert that the time when war can be avoided by negotiation or arbitration or other like means will be advanced if we refrain from adopting a proper military policy, but will be sent back if we do so. It is difficult to comprehend on what basis such a belief can reasonably rest, and therefore it is difficult to reason about it. It seems to rest upon the idea that if we are feeble and weak in action, we will be strong and persuasive in counsel; that by avowedly neglecting to prepare to protect our rights we will be the better able to secure their protection by appeal, by arbitration, or by argument. No one need have the slightest fear that our voice for peaceful settlement of the quarrels of nations will receive any of the less attention because we stand for the right and are prepared to maintain it at any proper cost. On the contrary, the voice of such a one is always listened to and usually controls.

"If the determination arrived at by those whose knowledge, skill, and experience makes their judgment practically conclusive is accepted, we should have in this country a force of at least 500,000 men ready for instant response to a call in the event of war or the imminence of war. It is surely not necessary to state the many reasons why this force may not be supplied by a regular standing army of that number constantly under arms. There is no legal way that the National Guard can, in time of peace, governed, officered, or trained b ythe National Government; and there is no legal way, excepting vy volunteering, that it can be made avallable to the Nation in time of war to any greater extent than specified in the constitution, which confessedly falls short of the necessary uses to which an army have have to be put in the event of a war with a foreign nation.

"It becomes necessary, therefore, to devise some method of making available for the use of the Nation in time of war a national force in supplement of that part of the national force, to wit, the regular army, which is constantly under arms; a part of the army, in other words, to be raised and maintained by Congress and governed in all respects in accordance with its directions. When this system is devised and made operative the Nation would militarily be in this situation: It would have, as the constitution provides, an army raised and maintained by it, composed of a certain number constantly under arms, and a very much larger number definitely identified in personnel, previded with equipment and organization, possessed of some training, and subject to instant call. The states would have the organized militia, developed with Federal assistance to the highest practicable point of efficiency, available for the purposes specified in the constitution, and so circumstanced that in the event of a war with a foreign nation they could, by their own volition, immediately take their place with the other military force of the Nation."

The report takes up in detail the plan of military preparation already made public and endorsed by President Wilson, and declares the Swiss and Australian systems are founded on governmental institutions and powers differing so radically from those in the United States that any attempt to adapt either to American use would mean great delay.

"Enough has been said to demonstrate," the Secretary concludes "that to get something done now—something that is well worth while—the best course is to recognize and operate under existing conditions. The other course is to imagine a vain thing and accomplish nothing."

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THEATRICAL

The musical score of the dramatic spectacle, "Everywoman," which Henry W. Savage will disclose at the Academy of Music matinee and night on Saturday, December 18, was composed by George Whitefield Chadwick, dean of the New England Conservatory of Music, of Boston. It contains twenty-six musical numbers which are interpreted by a special symphony orchestra which accompanies the organization. Dr. Chadwick is one of the few Americans who have written music of a dignified character whic hhas been played abroad. All the world's famous orchestras delight to play annually his celebrated symphonies. He is easily at the head of America's gifted composers, and his works will unquestionably outlive the generation of the author.

"September Morn."

Tickets are now on sale at Plummer's for the engagement of "September Morn," Le Comte and Flesher's musical festival which is making its initial Southern tour and will be seen here for a matinee and night performance at the Academy of Music on tomorrow and every indication points to a record breaking demand for the seats. Mail orders have been piling in since the first announcement that we were to see "September Morn' 'and almost every visitor to the box office has made some inquiry regarding the engagement. It is really remarkable that local playgoers should have an opportunity to witness this delightful production during its first extended tour, as they are generally forced to wait a full season after the New York and Chicago engagements. In the splendid cast to appear here in "September Morn" are Carl George, Jo Taylor, Mabel Laffin, J. J. Patton, Curt Vance, James Baber, Walter M. Welfitt and others of equal note, assisted by the world known LaSalle beauty chorus.

The matinee prices will be from 50 cents to $1. The night prices will range from 50 cents to $1.50.

Julia Dean at Royal.

Julia Dean, one of Broadway's brightest stars, supported by Harry D. Carey, the sterling actor who played the lead in "Just Jim," present at the Royal today, a mammoth six-act filmization of "Judge Not," from the great story by Peter B. Kyne, of Saturday Evening Post fame.

Lured into a mock marriage by a gambler, an innocent girl finally extricates herself from his clutches only to find that the man whom she loathes and whom she believes has passed out of her life forever, has fastened himself upon her again like a foul leech, just at the time when she has redeemed herself and is about to marry a man who knows nothing of her past.

Such in brief is the synopsis of the story of "Judge Not." And the combination of the two Broadway stars in the one multiple-reel feature virtually guarantees the spectator a drama, which, even without the wonderfully strong story, will win its way to a tremendously popular successfully strong story, will win its way to a tremendously popular success.

"Judge Not" was written by a master whose articles appear in the Saturday Evening Post almost exclusively. And those who are familiar with literary markets are fully aware of the fact that to "break into the Post" means fame which brooks no cavil. Hence, Royal patrons should avail themselves of the opportunity to see one of the greatest photoplays of the year today.

"Let Us Have Peace."

Today at the Bijou the topliner is a big two-reel sympathetic human interest drama, "Let Us Have Peace," starring in the leading role Ben Wilson, with Dorothy Phillips.

"Let Us Have Peace" is a two-reel offering repleto with great incidents, unexpected climaxes and original, situations, and will hold your attention from beginning to end. There's not a single let-up in the interest or the crowding action from the first to the last flash.

Another out-of-the-ordinary offering is a big Sterling comedy—you haven't seen one before in more than six months—"Love and Water," featuring the inimitable Dot Gould in the leading role. There's enough laughs in this reel of pictures to last you a week, and it will add a year to your life to see it.

Then there's another big two-reeler, "The Tell Tale Photograph," a stirring detective drama that will hold you throughout.

At the Grand Today.

It is a bill with variety enough to suit everyone that is on at the Grand today. The bill is headed by a Lubin drama, "The Orgy," starring Ethel Clayton and Frances Joyner in the leading roles. It's a story of a wierd, fascinating nature, that will appeal to everyone.

The Hearst-Selig News for this week contains many great events, including stirring scenes of two great football matches, some big war scenes, fashion parades, baby shows, some thrilling submarine practice off the Atlantic coast, etc.

"The Wheels of the Gods," is a single reel Biograph dramatic feature that contains a thrill for every inch, and a surprise for every minute that it's on a screen. They're always good, and this one is exceptionally fine.

"Niagara Falls" is a solid reel of the prettiest scenic pictures that were ever filmed, depicting the beauty, grandeur and glory of Niagara Falls as has never before been done in pictures. To those who have never seen the falls it will prove a revelation indeed.

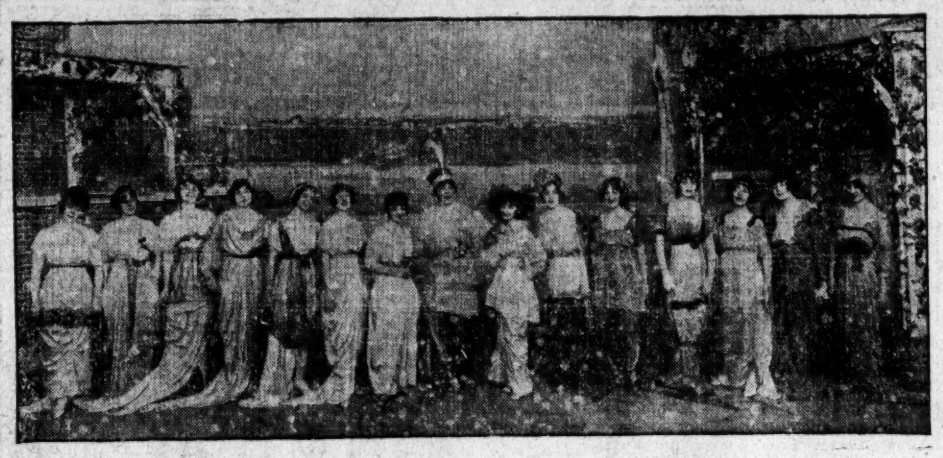
Mrs. Fiske at Victoria.

Many Wilmingtonians are delighted to know that Mrs. Fiske is again to be seen in her famous role of "Becky Sharpe" in the recently completed Edison masterprice "Vanity Fair," booked for showing at the Victoria tomorrow, matinee and night.

Mrs. Fiske played the role throughout the country precisely one thousand and times. Her one thousand and first portrayal has been registered by the motion picture camera in seven great acts, thus preserving one of the most interesting stage figures that the theatre of America has ever known.

Mrs. Fiske's "Becky" because of its individuality and ingenuity of characterization, ranks with Edwin Forrest's "Lear," Joseph Jefferson's "Rip Van Winkle" and Richard Mansfield's "Cyrano de Bergerac." Those splendid figures of the stage now live only in the memory of he older generation of play-goers. It is some satisfaction to know that Mrs. Fiske's "Becky Sharpe" is to be saved by the magic of the film.

The first performance tomorrow will begin at 2 p. m., followed by performances starting at 4, 6, 8 and 9:30. It would be well for those who can to attend the matinee performances, to avoid the crowds at night.



Scene from "September Morn" at the Academy of Music Tomorrow, Matinee and Night.

A Stirring Scene From "Judge Not," Starring Julia Dean, Royal Today.

MISS ANNIE BELLE RUSS DEAD

Daughter of Mrs. Janie Russ, of Clarkton, Has Passed Away.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Clarkton, N. C., Dec. 9.—The funeral of Miss Annie Belle Russ, daughter of Mrs. Janie Russ, of Clarkton, was conducted by Rev. N. G. Stevens, of Council, Tuesday afternoon, and the remains were buried in the old church cemetery here. Miss Russ had been in declining health for six years and for several months her condition had been serious.

She was a most talented young woman, about 29 years old, and before she was taken sick, she was engaged in teaching and doing missionary work, and many communities in the Carolinas and Georgia had become devoted to her because of her charming and lovable disposition and faithfulness to her duties. Hon. John A. Cromartie, of Hazelhurst, Ga., in whose town Miss Russ taught for several years, once made the remark that she was the best, poblest Christian he ever knew.

Miss Russ was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church and is survived by her mother, one brother, Mr. Neill Russ, of Wilmington; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Skinner, of Bennettsville; Misses Janie and Mary Russ, of this place, all of whom were with her at the time of her death.

A. C. L. TARIFFS SUSPENDED.

Proposing Certain Increases from Florida to Points North.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today suspended until April 16 tariffs of the Atlantic Coast Line proposing increases ranging from 35 to 40 cents a ton on kaolin clay and fullers earth in carloads from producing points in Florida to Wheeling, W. Va.; East Liverpool, Ohio, and other points north of the Ohio river.

Woman Claims Peak On Mount Mitchell

MOVES INTO HOUSE ON IT AND POSTS SIGNS PROCLAIMING OWNERSHIP—ANOTHER COMPLICATION.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 9.—Evidently believing in the old adage that "possession is nine points in law," and manifesting a willingness to take a chance on the other point, Mrs. Elizabeth Burnette, who has set up a claim to the disputed five acres of land at the peak of Mt. Mitchell, has moved her household possessions to a log house on the land, has occupied the house, and has posted the land, declaring her ownership.

This brings about still another complication for the State, which is attempting to secure the land for park purposes, as J. W. Pless, attorney for Mrs. Alice T. Connally, of this city, is equally confident that the land is the property of his client. Mrs. Burnette traces her claim from an original grant of a boundary of 1,000 acres made to Jesse Stepp, in 1857, which is said to have been sold to Judge Bailey in 1858, with provisions for the reservation of the five acres around Dr. Mitchell's grave. It is claimed that Bailey's administrators sold his right, making the same reservations as made by Stepp.

Later a Mr. Mayberry purchased this five-acre tract from the Stepp heirs, it is claimed, and this tract, it is claimed, was conveyed by Mayberry's heirs to Mrs. Burnette.

BLADEN A GUNNER'S PARADISE

Solicitor Shaw Reports Fine Sport in Big Old County.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 9.—Col. H. E. Shaw, solicitor of the judicial district embracing Lenoir, Duplin, Onslow and Sampson counties, is back from a two-weeks' vacation spent in the counties south of here, with the information that sportsmen have overlooked a gunner's paradise in Bladen county. He spent much of his "time off" in that county. There are no lodges in Bladen. Colonel Shaw says, and the woods and pocosons literally team with furred and feathered game. Trappers—descendants of trappers of generations agone—catch innumerable otters, bears and otner animals after December 1, when the deer season closes and the woods are free from dogs.

GRAND

Hearst-Selig News

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TOP O' THE MORNING

Humility is not thinking meanly of yourself; it is not thinking yourself small; Humility is just thinking yourself as small as you are.

—GORDON.

Don't rock the boat on account of who's in it with some of us.

Oh, well, it is hardly possible to get into any boat that hasn't some Jonah in it.

What are the facts in the case instead of the exaggeration of the situation?

A woman may be named Annie but that is no reason she should be referred to as Animosity.

Among other ways to become famous is to kick out of harness at a time when you are expected to pull.

It is unpopular to be on the wrong side, anyhow, and in addition to that there is little or no excuse for it.

The anatomists say that man is 90 per cent. water, and it is quite likely that lots of men feel as if that is about right.

Says the Richmond Journal: "Fifteen Norfolk people took up their residence here this year—according to the penitentiary report." According to all reports, it would be absolutely necessary to confine all Norfolk people in order to keep them in Richmond very long.

Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, asserts that the Democratic party is responsible for the unsettled conditions of trade. Sooner or later, the Democrats will be saying that the unsettled condition of trade is not due to what Penrose thinks but is caused by what Penrose is inacapable of thinking as an economist.

Says the Columbia Record: "A man can write a beautiful love letter and yet in time be arrested for non-support." Oh, well, that's only an exception to the rule. As a rule most of them manage to keep from getting arrested because their wives just hate to tell on them.

Soon's a man begins to do things and do other men, he is sure to get recognition. When General Carranza began to do Villa, we knew that he was going to get recognition. When a man comes out at the little end of the horn he is classed as a "small potato and few in a hill," but when he wades out at the big end, crowned with success, it's "Hello, Bill," for him. When a man gets on top he can stay, because nearly everybody is with him.

Some people cannot see why the world cannot be governed by love. Well, there wouldn't be any way to enforce love on millions of people who don't even respect others, much less love them. All civil government necessarily is based on force, by which people have to be compelled to respect the law or suffer its penalties. There are some modern philosophers who've forgotten the fact that while governments rely on force to compel respect from their own people, the nations so constituted have to depend on power to command respect from other nations.

Here is a newspaper paragraph: "We weep tears of gladness over the news that our loved troops bayonetted thousands of ou renemies in a late encounter." That is what a Turkish newspaper at Constinople says: It sounds horrible, but it is probably a newspaper exaggeration, for none of the belligerents are supposed to cry when they put a quietus on a thousand enemies who are trying to kill them. It is a horrifying kind of gladness, but it is just like all men to be gratified when they make the enemy bite the dust instead of letting the enemy make them bite it. When there is war to the hilt, victory is not greeted with tears but men have been known to be so glad that they have thanked God for their terrible triumph on the bloody battlefield.

COMMERCIALIZING OUR MEAT RESOURCES

After producing cattle, hogs and other meat animals in North Carolina in quantities to have a surplus of beef and pork for sale, then comes the question of commercializing such products. That calls for abattoirs and cold storages and packing houses, and that would bring us up to the point where we will be compelled to have a great clearing house for North Carolina meat products, just as Chicago is for the great cattle and hog producing section of the Northwest. The larger the industry grows in North Carolina and the South Atlantic, the greater becomes the necessity for a Southern Chicago. We nominate Wilmington for it.

Wilmington already has an abattoir of considerable size and it is being successfully conducted by local parties, some of whom have had experience with one of the largest packing houses in America. The abattoir is a small packing house for local slaughtering and refrigeration, so Wilmington already has laid the foundation for a packing house on a larger commercial scale. The abattoir here is able to slaughter large quantities of meats and keep them in cold storage till disposed of, but it has no refrigerator car system for shipping fresh or frozen meats to a long distance, although it does supply fresh meats to the local territory, the possibility for which probably extends from 100 to 150 miles inland. Anyhow, the Wilmington abattoir furnishes a market for livestock in several counties in this section of the State and it commercializes our meat resources to that extent.

We thought Wilmington was the only place in the State which has such an establishment, but the Charlotte Observer calls attention to the fact that Bion H. Butler has discovered one at Southern Pines. In referring to it The Observer calls it "a new industry," and so it is, but possibly our esteemed Charlotte contemporary was not aware that Wilmington has one of these new industries, a well equipped one at that, under experienced management. However, we will let the Observer tell it here as it gets it from Mr. Butler's article concerning it:

"Bion H. Butler, always nosing around seeking out the good things of the State, has discovered a new industry at Southern Pines. It is a meat packing plant, or rather, as Mr. Butler says, "the beginning of a meat packing plant." The plant was established by Mr. Harry Lewis who comes originally from New Hampshire. He has had experience in many of the large packing centers and all his life has been engaged in the meat packing business. His Southern Pines plant, though necessarily small, is completely equipped and modern in every respect. Mr. Lewis hopes that there will be a growing demand for the services of the plant both for the packing of meat and for the cold storage of every kind of product requiring refrigeration for preserving until needed or for shipping. He is there to meet any present demand and to grow with the demands of the future and to expand as occasion requires. "Lewis looks to me like a man who will play the game," says Butler "I imagine if the people of the State shove stuff at him in big quantities he will try to get it out of the way. I would guess that the fish men of the Sound country, the apple and beef men of the mountains, the men in every line in every county, would make a good start if they would go on the theory that this storage warehouse ought to be their distributing agent and proceed to load him up in proper style. I believe in this venture because the man is carrying on in the North a big thing of the same kind, which shows that he knows his business, and he has put a lot of money into this plant, showing that he has confidence in this part of the United States for his line. I imagine if he fails to sell his stuff here in the State he can send a lot of it to his place in New Hampshire, for he uses a big quantity of various things up there and he has to buy them somewhere. New England would take to good North Carolina hams if the first mouthful should ever get up that way.'"

It is all very interesting, we are sure, and those who read it will not fail to notice that reference is made to the opportunity for providing cold storage for North Carolina meat, fruits and pererishable products. There is need for a large refrigeration clearing house in the State to meet such demands and to engage in systematic distribution. Wilmington now offers cold storage in bulk and we already have a concern here which carries large quantities of North Carolina apples and products from about everywhere the establishment can get them. What is needed is for such establishments and producers to get together in such a way as to become useful to each other.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Major William H. Bernard on yesterday called our attention to the fact that there is the possibility of a conflict as to time between the Democratic National Convention and the State primary election for the purpose of expressing presidential preferences and naming delegates, as well as for the purpose of nominating State and county officers. The Major's idea was that the primary would be held on a date so close to that of the National Convention that the North Carolina delegates who are going to the convention at St. Louis may not have a chance to vote—at least not in a second primary if one should be held. Indeed, it is doubted whether the result of the primary could be known in time to send a delegation, since the delegates themselves have to be chosen at the primary. On that very question we find this editorial in yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer:

"The selection of Wednesday, the fourteenth day of June, as the time of the assembling of the Democratic National Convention next year, taken in connection with the North Carolina primary law, means that it will have to be action of the quickstep kind in order that the Democracy of this State be represented at the National Convention.

"The State-wide primary will take place on Saturday, the third day of June. Under the requirements of that law—and as directed by the Democratic national platform—there must be an expression at the polls for choice of nominees for President and Vice President, the delegates to the national convention to be bound by the majority or plurality. In addition to this the Democratic national platform sets out that the election of delegates and alternates to the national convention shall be by primary.

"Under the State primary law the returns in each county are to be made two days after the election. But the canvass of the vote in the State is set for Thursday after the third Monday following the election, the State Board of Elections, however, being authorized to make such chances as are necessary to make the primary law effective. Yet with the county returns not made till the 5th of June it can be seen that it will take active work to have the votes from the entire State canvassed even as early as the 10th of June. And on June 14 the delegates are to be in St. Louis for the national convention.

"These matters are of such importance that we suppose that early in 1916 the Democratic State executive committee will be called to meet to determine upon the matter, so that proper recommendations may be made to the State Board of Elections. Next year being the first in which the primary law is effective in the State it will be necessary for party authorities, both Democratic and Republican, to take steps so that there shall be compliance with the law. As the matter appears to us there will have to be activity all along the line in having North Carolina properly represented at the national convention in St. Louis on the 14th day of next June."

The News and Observer makes it plain that the question is one more serious than would be supposed on first thought. The Democratic State committee will have to get a move on it and figure it all out, for only six months intervene between now and the primary, while the National Convention follows just eleven days afterwards. Knowing possibly who will run in the primary as National Convention delegates, it might be that they can leave for St. Louis and get the result of the primary and their credentials by wire after they reach the convention city. Even that is a matter which the State committee will have to inquire into.

The main thing about it, of course, is that if the hitch turns out to be what it appears, the North Carolina Democracy may not be able to have representatives in the National Convention which is to renominate President Wilson.

THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS.

Tacitus was no prophet but he was a wise Roman author and philosopher and sage, whose idea in the ancient days as to the preservation of peace by being prepared for war was about the same as that of George Washington and Woodrow Wilson. We are indebted to your Uncle Joe Cannon for reminding us of this by preferring to accept Tacitus as his authority instead of Ezekiel.

President Wilson relied on Ezekiel and recently quoted from him to prove the wisdom of the preparedness of a nation to safeguard itself. Uncle Joe protested against having Ezekiel brought into it, but probably because he is no friend of either the prophet or the President. The former Republican Speaker of the House even went out of his way to say that Ezekiel was "the most pessimistic prophet of the Old Testament" and for that reason was not to be relied on for optimistic and practical points of view.

Uncle Joe, therefore, says he found a better authority in Tacitus, from whose writings he quotes to this effect: "The peace of nations cannot be secured without arms, nor arms without pay, nor pay without taxes." Tacitus spoke the truth for all time, but Uncle Joe ought to notice that President Wilson goes even further than Tacitus. The President says peace for America depends on naval and military preparedness. He also calls attentioin to the cost of preparedness and goes so far as to state his views to the effect that the money for preparedness should be secured from internal revenue taxes. The President discussed preparedness and its cost and the way to pay the cost.

If the people agree with either Ezekiel, Tacitus, President Wilson or Uncle Joe, they know that national protection is going to cost something and that preparedness at any cost is cheaper than the possibilities in unpreparedness to save the Nation. Therefore, the tax-payers quite understand that if they want preparedness and are in favor of it they must be willing to be taxed for the preparedness necessary for the protection of their country.

Next time Uncle Joe wants authority on this subject he can get a better that Tacitus. He can quote from President Wilson's address to Congress last Tuesday.

PUTTING MONEY IN CIRCULATION.

Santa Claus beats all in bringing about the circulation of money. The little hoards at home are coming out for Christmas purchases. Tin cans and stockings are coming across with their wealth, Christmas savings are being taken from the banks and people generally are going down in their pockets more liberally than they do at any other season of the year. It makes trade good and it helps vastly to relieve the depression that many sections have complained of. It puts a better spirit in the people, and business will be helped wonderfully by this distribution of little and big wads for holiday purchases.

The large centers all over the country are reporting a good Christmas trade and it will increase in volume during the next two weeks. The beginning of the new year will find everybody in a more satisfied, hopeful and cheerful spirit than has been the general rule for a whole year.

There will be no peace till despair overtakes the people and they want it by any means they can get it. The belligerents scout peace talk, and Americans jibe peace advocates and make fun of peace voyages. A little more war will be good for us. It will humble us and create a psychological humility that will make us beg and pray for peace. Till the world has enough war and is willing to go down on its knees for peace, Col. Bryan, Mr. Ford and the dove of peace had better look out for themselves. They will be despised till the world gets it in the neck and calls aloud for the calf rope. The world is full of resentment and it will be stiff-necked and scoffing till we reach the humility stage. Then peace will come quickly, and peacemakers will be called blessed. Just now they are looked upon as folk whose heads are bat coves.

Former President Taft has spoken so nicely about the Democratic administration at various times that they might let him say a few means things in order to show that he is still a Republican. A Republican who would persist in going around commending everything the Democrats do would not be in good standing at a Republican dutch supper.

New York is having a chicken show. Honest, it is a regular chicken show at the Grand Central Palace and not the Broadway kind that's never out and never over.

Oh yes, skirts are full but not because of privilege. It is because of fashion, although it is not now the fashion to get full.

Be careful, Cousin Willie, not to blunderbuss around in the kitchen and jar the fruit cakes while they are cooking.

News of the President's address leaked, but that should be no surprise. Some people never could keep an open secret.

A swinging electric light now and then acts as a boomerang.

A DISCOVERY

There is, at least one sensible woman who has found out where she gets her headaches, and has hit upon the right way to cure them. For years she had been troubled with headaches, and one day she stumbled on her lifesaver: "I noticed that if my head began aching," she said, "and I went to an open door and breathed deeply for five minutes the headaches lessened. From that step of discovery the rest was easy: I always left my kitchen window open while at work, in both cold and warm weather, and kept my bedroom window down all the way except when asleep. My headaches stopped, and so did those of my husband. We discovered very quickly that it had been the lack of fresh air in our homes that brought our headaches. Now neither of us have headaches, and—even better—we have no colds. But the moment we are shut in close quarters in a theatre or a church, or visit other people's homes where the fresh air is kept out, we feel our heads aching." And, this wise little woman adds: "But it is curious how many people come into my kitchen or sitting-rom and say, why, you have a window open!' and then retire to the farthest point in the room away fro mthe offending opening!" It is curious, but with this difference: that this woman has hit upon a vital truth, while her neighbors have not—and they suffer in consequence!—Ladies Home Journal.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Colonel Roosevelt and most men of military bent scoff at the Wilson-Garrison plan as promising only a feeble fabric of defense. Mr. Bryan and Mr. Kitchin see in it the conversion of the country into a fighting power. The President and the Secretary of War, representative of the common sense of the people, occupy a place between these extremes.—Columbia State.

Everyone who attended the Corn Show in Wilmington says it was one of the best affairs they have ever witnessed in this section of the State. It was far better than any county fair, and in proportion to size, was equal to the State fair in many respects. Then why was it a success? Because, the farmers of the counties that were exhibiting their products took an interest in the Corn Show, they were men who were interested in the county's welfare, men who wanted their county to be among the progressive counties of the State. They did not wait to see if their neighbors were going to put something on exhibition, but regardless of whether or not his neighbors exhibited, they showed what could be done on their farm. But to the est in the Corn Show. They were men neighbor had an exhibit also. Why can't the farmers of Brunswick be alert next year year and make our county rank among the first of the exhibitors? Let's think this over and get down to hard work between now and the next Corn Show.—Southport News.

Whatever Congress may do in the matter Secretary McAdoo deals fairly liberally with North Carolina in the matter of recommendations for rivers and harbors work. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, the Secretary recommends an expenditure in this State of $1,608,800 for waterways improvements. This estimate is an increase of more than half a million over the amount which is being expended the current fiscal year. Of course the largest item in this proposed expenditure goes to the inland waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort, $1,000,000 being recommended for this purpose. No other large sums are included, the amounts being for maintenance of work already done on the various waterways of the State. What chance, if any, there is for any part of these recommendations getting through Congress is problematical. It is regarded as practically certain that when Congress looks about for a place to economize that rivers and harbors expenditures will have its undivided attention and it will be able to find many things which, while they seem good to a Secretary of the Treasury, may be discarded in order to save the funds for matters regarded by the Congress as more important.—Charlotte Observer.

The Welcome of The Toys Is For Young and Old

Everybody Loves Toys! — Grey-Head as well as Curly-Head; Old, as well as Young; and it does seem that the Toys love everybody.

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Dr. McBrayer Calls on Small Towns to Sell Red Cross Seals.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 9.—"All that we need to make the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals in North Carolina this year by far the greatest it has ever been is to have more people to volunteer to sell seals," said Dr. L. B. McBrayer, chairman of the State Red Cross Seal Commission, Sanatorium, N. C. "There are a number of towns," said he, "in which we have yet placed no seals as we have been unable to get any one to act as chairman for the sale of the seals in those towns, and it is not because they are a disinterested people and indifferent to this matter, but I take it that it is because I don't know just the right person to call on.

"What we need is to have some good interested woman write us and offer to manage the sale of the seals in her town this Christmas season. We want to reach the small towns, and so far, it's the small town that's leading in the per capita sale.

"One reason," said the speaker, "why we don't have more people willing and wanting to sell seals is that they don't know how easy it is. There is no cost and no responsibility for seals unsold. They keep 75 per cent of the proceeds to fight tuberculosis in their town or community and send the remaining 25 per cent to the State Commission at Sanatorium, N. C. But of course, we explain all this when we send out the seals, and have no trouble or misunderstanding as to that matter. We have had several so interested in this work that they have enclosed checks willing to buy the seals in order to have them to sell and help in this great fight against tuberculosis this Christmas."

SALES OF COTTON SEED HEAVY

More Than 100 Carloads Shipped From Mount Olive—Death.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mount Olive, N. C., Dec. 9.—Benjamin Best, a Duplin county farmer living near here, died at his home Monday night, following several months' poor health, due to a number of ailments. Deceased is survived by his wife and several children. Interment took place Tuesday afternoon.

The sale of cotton seed has been the source of quite a good bit of revenue to the farmers of this section of Wayne and adjoining portions of Duplin and Sampson counties this season. Local commission men say there has been upwards of one hundred carloads shipped from this point this fall, each car containing, upon an average, about 1,500 bushels, or 150,000 bushels in all. The price per bushel has averaged around sixty cents, netting a total, so far, of around $50,000; and the end is not yet. The price per bushel on this market has been a few cents higher most of the season than on, perhaps, any other market in the State, due to the fierce competition among the several buyers here.

Shipments of holly from here and other nearby points, especially between here and Wilmington, to Northern markets are going forward daily now, several carloads daily leaving some of the stations. Notwithstanding the fact that the yield this year is said to be not so very heavy, the price being paid so far is nothing extra.

BABY BURNED TO DEATH

Two-Year-Old Child at Bladenboro Dies of Injuries.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Bladenboro, N. C., Dec. 8.—The two-year-old baby girl of Willie Waters, colored, was fatally burned here late yesterday afternoon. It seems that the child's mother was doing washing in the yard and went to another house for something and on her return she found her baby in the fire that had been built around the wash pot. The child was terribly burned and died from the injuries at an early hour this morning, despite the prompt medical attention that was given.

DUPONT PLANT IN CAROLINA.

Will be Located at Kinston, Tarboro or Rocky Mount, is Report.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 9.—Kinston, Tarboro or Rocky Mount will be the site of a giant new munition plant to be erected by the DuPont Powder Company in North Carolina, probably. That much is accepted as fact. The news comes here today from an unquestioned source, together with the statement that engineers will soon be sent out to determine upon the location.

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CHAMBER TO CONSIDER PASSENGER SCHEDULES

At Special Meeting to be Held on Monday Afternoon.

New Hanover Commissioners Are Urged to Retain Mr. J. P. Herring as Demonstrator—Invite John Temple Graves.

The matter of securing better passenger train service in and out of Wilmington and also of having the freight warehouses in Wilmington remain open an hour later in the afternoon for the reception of freight shipments, which was brought up at the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, was referred to the traffic committee with instructions to investivate and to report at a special meeting to be held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Strong resolutions were also adopted expressing appreciation of the work of County Farm Demonstrator Herring and urging the Board of Commissioners to retain his services.

President L. E. Hall, who presided at the meeting, brought to the attention of the chamber the question of inviting Hon. John Temple Graves, of New York, who is now making a series of addresses in the principal cities of the South in the interests of the Navy League, to make an address in Wilmington on next Tuesday night. Mr. Graves will make an address before the Southern Commercial Congress in Charleston on Monday night and the Chamber of Commerce has had some correspondence with the Navy League with reference to having him come to Wilmington on Tuesday night. It was voted by the members of the Chamber yesterday that efforts be made to secure Mr. Graves.

Mr. Z. W. Whitehead, editor of the Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal, who introduced the resolutions endorsing the work of Mr. J. P. Herring as farm demonstrator, stated that he felt sure that the value of the work done by Mr. Herring in the last few years was appreciated by the people of the entire county and that it would be a great misfortune for him to give it up at the present time. The resolution was seconded by Mr. W. E. Worth, who also stated that he considered Mr. Herring a most valuable man.

Messrs. M. W. Jacobi and L. B. Sasser endorsed the resolution and expressed the high regard that they had for Mr. Herring and also of his work. They thought that it is absolutely essential that he should be retained. The resolution was unanimously adopted and it was ordered that a copy be sent to the chairman of the Board of Commissioners. The resolution is as follows:

"Realizing that much of Wilmington's commercial and industrial growth of late years is due in a large measure to the progress and development of the trucking industry in New Hanover and adjoining counties, the welfare and success of which should be our first concern, and appreciating the fact that those counties throughout the State have prospered most which have county farm demonstrators, and pointing with pride to the splendid showing made by New Hanover under the administration of Mr. J. P. Herring as county farm demonstrator, it is with many regrets that we have learned of his resignation from that very important position, therefore be it,

"Resolved by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, That we keenly appreciate the work of Mr. Herring in the past and would urge the Board of New Hanover County Commissioners to induce him to withdraw his resignation and continue his work in the same capacity for another year, at least, feeling that it would be money well spent to provide him with a machine in the event such action is made a condition precedent to retaining his services, believing that he would be in far better condition to discharge his rapidly increasing duties to our friends in the rural districts.

Messrs. Walter W. Love and J. E. Price entered a further protest against the practice of the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line in closing their freight warehouses in Wilmington at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the reception of shipments of outbound freight and declared that it worked a great hardship on the merchants. They urged that the traffic committee take up the matter at once with a view to having the warehouses remain open until 5 p. m.

Mr. M. W. Jacobi called attention to the lack of adequate passenger train service in and out of Wilmington and also to the poor schedules and declared that with the return of better times it was imperative that something be done.

As the chairman of the traffic committee was absent and there was not a large attendance of the members of the Chamber at the meeting, it was decided to refer the matter to the traffic committee to make investigation and to report at a special meeting of the Chamber on Monday afternoon.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. C. Williams, mangaer of Belk Brothers store on North Front street, was a business visitor in Sanford yesterday.

—Mr. L. H. Caldwell, one of Lumberton's most progressive business men, spent last night in the city on a business trip.

Old Folks Saved From Suffering

Mrs. Mary A. Dean, Taunton, Mass., in her 87th year, says: "I thought I was beyond the reach of medicine, but Foley Kidney Pills have proven most beneficial in my case."

Mr. Sam A. Hoover, High Point, N. C., writes: "My kidney trouble was worse at night and I had to get up from five to seven times. Now I do not have to get up at night, and consider myself in a truly normal condition, which I attribute to Foley Kidney Pills, as I have taken nothing else."

Mrs. M. A. Bridges, Robinson, Mass., says: "I suffered from kidney ailments for two years. I commenced taking Foley Kidney Pills ten months ago, and though I am 61 years of age, I feel like a 16-year-old girl."

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HOW SAVING WAS EFFECTED

Dr. Nesbitt, County Health Officer, Gives History of the Changes Made in Water Department.

With reference to the report by Mr. John H. Sweeney, engineer in charge of the city waterworks plant, to City Council on Wednesday showing how a tremendous saving had been effected in the expense of treating the city water supply, Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, county health officer, yesterday in response to an inquiry from a Star representative, described the steps and means taken by which this saving was made possible. Dr. Nesbitt's statement follows:

"The study of the process of the treatment of the city water supply began with the establishment of the laboratory at the Water Works in the spring of 1911. Repeated chemical examination of the water indicated that there were grave faults in the construction of the plant and that it had not been built for the express purpose of treating a highly colored water such as we are compelled to use. In order to achieve the best results from the plant and in order to learn what changes could be made in order to give increased efficiency and lower cost of production, City Council in December, 1911, employed Prof. George C. Whipple, of Harvard University, to make an exhaustive investigation.

"This was done and his recommendations were not used. The old process was continued. Unsatisfactory water continued to be produced and as the use of the water supply increased the danger of pollution became still greater. Board of Health made every possible effort to interest Council in the necessary changes. During the summer of 1913 the situation became acutely dangerous. There was no expert management of the physical side of the plant save that supplied by Mr. Sweeney. The recommendations of the City Engineer, Mr. Pillet, and the recommendations of the Board of Health were ignored.

"Council was urged repeatedly to make the changes recommended by Professor Whipple without success, and in December of 1913 Professor Phelps of the United States Public Health Service, was called in to give advice and in his report he outlined fully the proper course to pursue. This tallied almost entirely with the reccommendations of Professor Whipple. Continuous pressure was kept upon Council by the Board of Health to get these changes, but owing to a divurgence of opinion among the officials in charge Council hesitated to make the necessary expenditures.

"In the fall of 1914 when Mr. C. C. Loughlin superseded Mr. T. W. Wood as Councilman in Charge of Water and Sewerage, the former took an intense interest in the water plant and made an exhaustive study of its needs. He was not long in realizing the value of expert advice which had been secured and paid for from the public funds and had never been utilized, and set about at once carrying out these recommendations. The greater part of the changes has been made, Mr. Jones having followed Mr. Loughlin's policy, and we are now reaping the benefits.

"The saving on chemical treatment alone as shown in Mr. Sweeney's statement will be in the neighborhood of $8,000 a year. Beside this saving our citizens are getting more perfect water than ever. For nearly three years the Board of Health has been seeking this result. If the Water and Sewerage Department had been in the hands of an official who had urged these changes, they would have been made long ago and the city would have saved thousands of dollars. There are other ways in which savings can be made in the Water & Sewerage Department but unless this department is administered by officials who desire to give the best possible service and who make a conscientious study of the needs of the department these savings cannot be secured."

Buys Orange Street Property.

Through the real estate agency of Messrs. J. G. Wright & Son Mr. G. Thomas Swain has purchased the dwelling and lot at No. 613 Orange street, from Mrs. M. H. Jones. It is understood that approximately $4,000 was involved in the transaction, the property being very desirable and in a fine location.

WILMINGTON-RALEIGH GAME

Team Leaves Here This Morning for Chapel Hill—Members of the Team in Fine Condition.

The Wilmington High School football squad, including the regular team and three substitutes, accompanied by Coach Shaw and Mr. Odis B. Hinnant, leaves this morning on the 7:40 train for Chapel Hill, where they will play off the tie between Wilmington and Raleigh, here last Saturday for the Eastern North Carolina championship.

The team, as a whole, is in fine form and training and at Chapel Hill, where neither team will have any advantage, the Wilmington boys expect to win the championship and meet Charlotte High School at Chapel Hill on the following Saturday. Every member of the team is not only in fine form, but is enthusiastically looking forward to a victory. The team is considerably strengthened by the addition of Bagley, who didn't play last Saturday.

It is expected that there will be a large turnout of University students to see the game tomorrow. The University 'varsity team only played two games this season on the Hill, and they are anxious for more of the sport.

The winner of this contest will meet the Charlotte team at Chapel Hill on Saturday, December 18th, to play for the high school championship of the State of North Carolina.

Coach Shaw is taking with him the following men: Rhodes, center; Farmer, right guard; G. Johnson, left guard; Davis, right tackle; C. Johnson, left tackle; Monroe, right end; Silverman, left end; Hall, quarterback; Bagley, fullback; Grant, right halfback; Hill, left halfback; McEachern, Bunting and Griffith, substitutes; Mr. Odis B. Hinnant.

Taken to Pender County.

John Galloway, Arthur Berry and Nathaniel Ballard, all colored, were arrested yesterday by County Officer H. Mack Godwin on a warrant from Pender county, charging them with breaking into the store of Mr. Malpass at Rocky Point. Nathaniel Ballard is facing a charge in Superior court in this county for conspiracy and highway robbery, probable cause having been found against him in the Recorder's court.

OSCAR JOHNSON FOR R.BBERY

Probable Cause Found Against Him and Nathaniel Ballard—James Johnson Discharged.

Probable cause was found in the Recorder's court yesterday against Oscar Johnson and Nathaniel Ballard, colored, charged with conspiracy and highway robbery, and they are in jail in default of $250 bond each awaiting trial in the January term of Superior court. James Johnson, colored, tried on the same warrant with them, was found not guilty and discharged, although he was immediately arrested by Constable J. H. Davis on a warrant from Pender county, charging him with breaking into the Malpass store at Rocky Point.

The case was probably the most interesting heard by the Recorder for some time. The only witness used by the State was Pyron Ancrum, clerk for E. W. Burnett in his grocery store, corner of Seventh and Red Cross streets. James Johnson, the only one of the defendants having an attorney, did not go on the stand or make any statement whatever, while Oscar Johnson and Nathaniel Ballard, both went on the stand and denied having had anything to do with either the conspiracy or the robbery.

Ancrum, witness for the State, testified that on the afternoon of November 30th, the day the robbery occurred, James Johnson came to the store about 4 o'clock and made a small purchase and saw him (the clerk) get some change from the money drawer. On the same evening, between 7 and 8 o'clock, the witness stated, he came again to the store and ordered a small amount of potatoes. The paper bag in which they were burst and the negro asked for a crocus bag, and the clerk said he would let him have that if he would return the bag the next morning, and upon the promise, went to the rear of the store to get the bag. While getting the bag he looked around and saw James Johnson pointing in the direction of the cash drawer, he stated. On his return, Nathaniel Ballard, who had entered, was standing in the door, the witness said, and Oscar Johnson, who had entered about that time, covered him with a revolver and went to the cash drawer and took the contents, about $12 in change. Then Oscar Johnson backed out, declared the witness, keeping the revolver on him, and he and Ballard ran. James Johnson, after going to the rear and calling to someone, stayed around and was there when the police came.

A. G. Ricaud, Esq., attorney for James Johnson, made a motion that he be found not guilty, on the ground that his coming in to make a purchase in the store at the time of the robbery was no evidence that he had conspired with them. Men have a right to go to stores at any time and make purchases, he said. It was further argued that his pointing in the direction was no positive evidence that he was showing anybody the cash drawer. It was not known but that he was talking about another matter, as the witness did not testify that he heard them say anything about the cash drawer.

Solicitor Peschau contended that suspicion was strong enough against each one to justify taking all three to Superior court. Ballard, who did not purchase anything, was bound over with Oscar Johnson on a charge of conspiracy and highway robbery.

There were several minor cases against each of the accused, such as vagrancy, assaults, etc., all of which were disposed of, those against James Johnson being dismissed and nol prossed, while those against the others were held open pending the action of Superior court.

Robert Williams, colored, against whom probable cause was found a few days ago in Recorder's court, was called on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, but the case was continued pending the action of Superior court.

Adolph Herring and Jake Coleman, colored, will get a hearing tomorrow on a charge of storebreaking. A case of vagrancy was dismissed against David McKoy, colored. Arthur Berry, colored, charged with storebreaking, was turned over to Pender county officials.

Josh Pickett, colored, was found not guilty of attempted larceny by force. Blanche McKeller, colored, will get a hearing today on a charge of violating the prohibition laws.

INTEREST IN HOPEWELL FIRE

Several Hundred Wilmington People Employed in Dupont Powder City. Business District Burned.

There was intense local interest early yesterday evening in the news that Hopewell, the DuPont powder works city of that name near Petersburg, Va., had been swept by fire. Several hundred Wilmington people are working at the big powder plant or are located in business there to say nothing of several thousand from adjoining counties in Eastern North Carolina.

The first news to reach Wilmington was through the medium of Associated Press dispatches to The Star from Petersburg and Richmond, Va., which were promptly bulletined and read with eager interest by many people downtown, while many in all parts of the city who heard of the fire kept the telephone line busy in making inquiry as to the progress of the conflagration. It was not until after 9 o'clock last night that it was learned that the fire had practically burned itself out and it was gratifying to tell all who had friends or relatives in the stricken city, that possibly the only loss of life was that of a negro who was hanged for looting.

Among the more prominent Wilmingtonians in the powder city is Mr. B. C. Moore, formerly a member of the city council, who was conducting a large hotel in the town. Early during the fire all wire communication with Hopewell was cut off and while it could not be learned as to his loss in the fire, it was pretty certain that his hotel had been swept away.

The powder plant itself seems not to have been disturbed, so that it is supposed that those who are employed in the factory will seek temporary living quarters either there or in Petersburg and continue with the company.

Mr. J. R. Stephenson, a traveling salesman for a Wilmington concern, was in Hopewell the first part of the week and had planned to return today but as all the business district is burned out will probably not do so.

A detailed account of the fire is carried in the telegraphic columns of The Star this morning.

WILL DISCUSS GOOD ROADS

Wilmington Delegatition of Citizens to Attend Big Meeting at Burgaw, on Next Friday.

A large delegation of Wilmington citizens is expected to go to Burgaw next Friday to meet a delegation from Clinton, in Sampson county, for the purpose of discussing ways and means of securing a modern highway from Wilmington to Fayetteville, through the counties of Pender, Duplin, Sampson and Cumberland. This meeting has been arranged by the Wilmington Rotary Club, and a meeting of this organization will be held at the Y. M. C. A. this afternpon at 1 o'clock, to which all interested are cordially invited.

The Rotary Club some time ago appointed a committee composed of Dr. Geo. K. Patterson, chairman; W. D. MacMillan, Jr., W. A. McGirt, Chas. E. Hooper and C. R. Humphreys, and this committee has been active in arousing interest in the proposition. The Wilmington delegation is expected to be composed of at least one hundred citizens and will go to Burgaw in automobiles.

The building of a first class highway from Wilmington to Fayetteville is thought to be an entirely feasible proposition. New Hanover and Cumberland counties already have good roads and Sampson is improving her roads while it is stated that sand-clay roads can be constructed at small cost through Pender, Duplin and Sampson counties. The road would connect with the National highway which extends from Washington, D. C., to Atlanta, Ga.

Such a highway as is proposed would afford a ready means of communication to the Western part of the state, and would also make it possible for the visitors to Southern Pines and Pinehurst to come in automobiles to Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach, while spending the winter in this state.

Plans for securing the highway will be discussed in detail at the meeting at Burgaw on next Friday, and it is hoped that as many as possible will make arrangements to attend.

JOHN COLIN MURCHISON.

New Jacksonville Superintendent A. C. L. a Native Tar Heel.

The following Baltimore dispatch to the Greensboro Daily News of Thursday will be read with interest in Wilmington and Eastern North Carolina, where Mr. Murchison is well known and has many friends, having lived in this city and at Rocky Mount at earlier periods of his career:

"John Colin Murchison, who has been appointed general superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, with headquarters at Jacksonville, Fla., is one of the best known operating officials in the South. He was born in North Carolina and received his education in the public schools of that State. He began railway work on February 11, 1885, with the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley, serving first as clerk and operator at Greensboro, and later as operator at Fayetteville. In May, 1886, he was appointed dispatcher, and in September, 1890, was made master of trains. From February, 1899 to the following January he was train master on the Atlantic Coast Line, and then for about five years was out of railroad work. In 1905, he returned to the service of the Coast Line as superintendent at Rocky Mount. Two years later he was transferred as superintendent to Wilmington, the headquarters of the company, and from 1907 to 1915 served as superintendent at Charleston, S. C. On October 12 last he was appointed assistant general superintendent at Jacksonville, Fla., and remained in that post until advanced to his present position."

Tried to Swindle Creditors.

Sam. Thomas, alleged to have tried to swindle his creditors at Clinton, N. C., was arrested this week in Savannah, Ga., according to the Savannah Morning News, and will be brought back to Clinton after first going to Tampa, Fla., where Sheriff M. A. Williams believes he has $5,000 on deposit in a bank, the money belonging to his creditors. It has been stated that Thomas had failed at Clinton once before, and a few days ago began selling goods at remarkably low prices. Sunday he skipped from town, and Monday his creditors locked up the store.

WILLMINGTON ALSO INCLUDED

Julian Street, Magazine Writer, and Wallace Morgan, Illustrator, Here Getting Impressions.

Mr. Julian Street, who in the language of a Wilmington admirer is "some writer," and Mr. Wallace Morgan, illustrator, arrived in Wilmington last night and will spend today in the city getting impressions and sidelights on the surroundings hereabouts for a series of articles which Mr. Street will prepare for Collier's. They came unheralded and unannounced but they are here and without making a great deal of noise about it will interview Wilmington citizens today and pick up a few historical facts with which to make their articles interesting.

They have already visited Greensboro, Raleigh and Clinton, coming from the latter place to this city. While at Clinton Mr. Street and companion were the guests of Maj. George E. Butler, who was largely instrumental in getting them to include Clinton and Sampson county in their itinerary through the South. They were shown in Sampson many things typical of life in the South, including corn shuckings, barbecues, cotton gins and the like. On Tuesday night they were taken on a 'possum hunt by "Possum Dick," a famous old negro hunter in Sampson, and on Monday evening were entertained by Major and Mrs. Butler at a dinner party.

Mr. Street some time ago wrote a series of articles for Collier's on the Western country and now he plans to write a similar series on the South. He and Mr. Morgan will go to Charleston this afternoon. While en route North they will stop over in Asheville and get a few impressions of this mountain town.

"American Adventures" will be the subject of these articles and they promise to be as full of interest as his previous articles. Mr. Street says he has enjoyed his stay in the State and has been much impressed with what he has seen.

Wilmington was not originally included in the itinerary of these gentlemen but, being so near this historic city, they, of course, felt that their articles would be incomplete without some reference to the doings of North Carolina's port

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Ladies' Genuine Serpentine Crepe Kimonas, full sweep, regular length, shirred waist, $1.50 values, plain and figured patterns, at 98c

Silk Crepe Kimonas, style as above, at $4.98

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Corduroy Kimonas, fur trimmed, silk lined, at $8.75

Finest Japanese Messaline Kimonas, at $9.95

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The very newest Plaid and Indian Robe Patterns, Beautifully Trimmed, especially designed for the Holiday trade

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Ostrich Neck Ruffs, just in 98c to $2.50.

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BIG DEPARTMENT STORES

New - Neckwear Today.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. Edward T. Taylor will return today from a visit to Washington and Richmond.

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Raleigh Evening Times: "Mrs. James H. Pou left today for a visit to Wilmington."

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Mrs. A. B. Pleasants has as her guest her brother, Mr. W. A. Mathias, of Jacksonville, Fla.

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The Young Women's Auxiliary of St. James' Episcopal church will have chicken salad as a specialty at the Royal tea room this afternoon and evening.

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The members of St. Paul's Episcopal church will hold their annual Christmas sale of edibles in the Orton Hotel parlors tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Herring and little daughter, of Fayetteville, who have been visiting relatives in Wilmington, have returned home.

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Miss M. J. George, a stenographer in the local United States engineer's office, leaves tomorrow for her home in Washington, D. C., where she will visit friends and relatives until after the holidays.

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Raleigh Evening Times: "Wiss Louise Wise, of Wilmington, the attractive guest of Mrs. Thomas S. Kenan, will be the guest of honor at an informal dance given at the governor's mansion this evening at 9 o'clock, by Mrs. Craig."

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St. Mary's Sewing Circle will hold its annual Christmas sale of fancy articles at the Knights of Columbus Hall, on Third street, from 3 o'clock this afternoon until 10 o'clock tonight. Refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited.

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The Blue Ridge Club of the Y. W. C. A. has sold out its first shipment of Japanese goods and has secured a second shipment which will be sold at reasonable prices. The sale of milk chocolates which was so successful last year is also a feature this year.

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The Galilean Bible class of Fifth Avenue Methodist church entertained the Teachers' Training class of girls last evening at the home of Mrs. J. W. Fleet, No. 401 South Fifth avenue. Refreshments were served and a social hour was whiled away with games, music and conversation.

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The subject for study by Dr. McClure's Bible class at the Y. W. C. A., which meets this morning at 11:30 o'clock, will be the book of Isaiah. The High School Bible class, which is taught by Rev. W. V. McRae, will meet at 6 o'clock this evening at the association building for supper and Bible study.

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The department of Civics and Home Economics of Sorosis will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the club rooms on North Third street. All members of the club are invited to attend. A feature of the meeting will be the addresses of Mrs. Winifred Sackville Stoner and Miss Matilda Orr Hays, a prominent club woman of New York City.

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The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Literature Department of Sorosis was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the club rooms. The programme dealt with the short story phantasy. Miss Elise Kidder read the "Happy Prince", by Oscar Wilde, and "Ali Baba," from the Arabian Nights Tales. Mrs. Adolph Goodman read "The Brushwood Boy," by Rudyard Kipling.

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Yesterday's Raleigh Times: "Miss Amy Winston entertained at an informal dance at her home on North Blount street Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Louise Wise, of Wilmington, who is a guest in the city. The rugs were removed and the spacious rooms and halls offered a delightful place to dance. Evergreens and chrysanthemums with a generous bowl of eggnog lent a Christmas touch to the occasion."

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Mrs. Winifred Sackville Stoner extends a cordial invitation to all persons interested in the study of music and in the Dunning System, to meet the noted exponent of this system, Miss M. O. Hays, on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Stoner home. Miss Hays will demonstrate her methods of teaching children through play and will be glad to answer questions asked by teachers of music, parents, etc. She is eager to see this natural educational method of music introduced into Wilmington and has come here to introduce it into the Peirce Natural Education school.

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Yesterday's Raleigh Times: "Miss Louise Wise, of Wilmington, was the guest of honor at a delightful dance given at the Country Club Monday evening. Christmas decorations of long leaf pine and other holiday greens made the club a place of beauty. Receiving were Dr. and Mrs. Hubert Haywood, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Cowper, and Miss Wise. The chaperones were Governor and Mrs. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. William Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Chambers Smith, Judge and Mrs. J. S. Manning, Mrs. Charles Busbee, Mrs. Margaret Busbee Shipp, Dr. and Mrs. Albert Root, Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Dortch.

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DR. STANLEY AND MRS. M'RAE WIN FIRST PRIZE IN GOLF

Dr. J. W. Stanley and and Mrs. Hugh MacRae won first prize yesterday afternoon at the mixed foursome tournament at the Cape Fear Country Club. The second prize was won by Mr. John J. Blair and Miss Walker.

The scores of all the participants were as follows, giving the gross, handicap and net:

Dr. Stanly and Mrs. MacRae, 57, 12, 45; Mr. Blair and Miss Walker, 57, 10, 47; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dick, 58, 9, 49; Mr. Roach and Miss Stevenson, 59, 5, 54; Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Hooper, 80, 14, 66; Mr. W. A. Dick and Miss Carrie Clark, 72, 16, 56; Mr. J. W. Carmichael and Mrs. J. V. Grainger, 56, 6, 50; Mr. W. A. French and Miss Fannie Grainger, 59, 9, 50; Mr. Robert Strange and Miss G. Bell, 64, 11, 53; Mr. Williams and Mrs. Northrop, 61, 6, 55; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Williams, 58, 10, 48; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Grainger, 60, 11, 49.

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MUCH INTEREST IN CONTEST

Many Votes for Pretty Bungalow to Be Given Away by Sorosis.

With Christmas but two weeks off, the voting for the pretty miniature bungalow which is to be given away by North Carolina Sorosis, continues heavy and much interest is being manifested by the contestants. The announcement of the successful contestant will be announced at an entertainment to be given at the Victoria on Christmas Eve at which a play, entitled "Cinderella," will be shown and there will also be othr features. The second prize will be $20 in gold.

The contest is being conducted by Sorosis, to which organization the bungalow was presented by the Clark-Lynch Lumber Company, who built it. The bungalow is a complete model of workmanship. It contains every detail usutally seen in the average home. Its tinerior presents such a cozy appearance that any child would fall in love with the bungalow on sight. A miniature set, of furniture has been installed, shades have been fitted to its four windows and electric lights attached to the ceiling of the interior as well as on the porch. The electric fixtures are of the latest pattern and amply light the bungalow for any purpose. The bugalow is so well constructed that a local physician considered its purchase for his office. Sorosis would not consider its sale as the children of Wilmington and vicinity would be sorely disappointed if one of their number did not receive this royal gift on Christmas Eve.

MR. COOPER IN WASHINGTON.

Attending Meeting of National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

Col. Wade Harris, editor of the Charlotte Observer, who is spending a few days in Washington, D. C., in his editorial correspondence to his paper has the following:

"North Carolina interest in the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, quite active up to several years ago, seems to be petering out. W. B. Cooper, of Wilmington, is the only North Carolinian taking any part at all. There are several others here, but Mr. Cooper is the only one who is to be found around the banner indicating the North Carolina row of seats. Nor is this State on the program, in spite of the fact that it carries larger river and harbor interests than almost any State on the Atlantic coast. New Orleans is the only Atlantic port city that figures in the meeting. The organization is a strong one and exerts a potent influence on Congress. It strikes The Observer that our State is losing an opportunity in not becoming more actively identified with its work. Perhaps that is one explanation why the greater part of the money for river improvement goes elsewhere and why our Congressmen labor under so many difficulties in securing what little they are able to land."

COMPLAINT FILED IN SUIT FOR $50,000 DAMAGES

J. Jordan Seeking to Recover This Amount From Murchison Bank.

The complaint in the case of J. Jordan against the Murchison National bank, was filed yesterday in Superior Court by the attorney for the plaintiff, J. Felton Head, Esq. The suit was brought several weeks ago. It is set forth in the complaint that the plaintiff on March 19 of this year while at work in assisting in the sinking of a deep well was ordered by the superintendent and renting agent of the Murchison building to climb up a distance of about 25 feet to fasten a rope in order to lower a casing into the well and that he fell as a consequence, suffering a broken leg, fracturing an arm and suffering other injuries, wherefore he asks that he be given the sum of $50,000 and that the defendant pay the cost of the action.

It is set forth further in the complaint that the defendant was using in the digging of the well on its premises other tools that those adapted for the work and that its alleged negligence resulted in his falling and suffering the injuries, described in the complaint.

SUPREMACY OF GOOD MEN.

Dr. Loaring Clark Tells of the Human Side of Elijah.

Practically all the pews at St. James' Episcopal church were filled last night to hear Rev. Dr. Loaring Clark, who is holding a mission there. Dr. Clark made a most forceful and entertaining sermon on the theme of the supremacy of good men.

To illustrate this truth with Bible history, Dr. Clark used for two characteristic men Ahab, representing the wicked, and Elijah, representing the good. He told of the worldly way of Ahab, his early prosperity and final downfall. Then he took up the character of Elijah, told of his trouble, his sufferings and discouragement, but final exaltation.

Another theme carried along with the lives of these men was that of the way God has things done. What must be done must be done. Elijah was offered the opportunity of certain work and when he bemoaned his fortune, he was instructed that if he didn't want the work it would be given another, but, by all means, the work must be done.

DIED.

At the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Cranmer, No. 207 South Fourth street, Thursday morning at 9:40 o'clock, in the 83rd year of her age, AUGUSTA M. PALFREY, widow of the late George Palfrey, of New Orleans, and sister of the late Right Rev. A. A. Watson, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina. Funeral services were conducted from residence yesterday afternoon. Interment will take place in New Orleans Saturday.

(Advertisement.)

GOOD MONTH FOR Y. W. C. A.

Reports of Different Committees to Board of Directors Are Encouraging—Large Enrollments.

The reports of Miss Anna Troutt, the general secretary, and the chairmen of the various committees of the Young Women's Christian Association, which were read at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors yesterday morning, showed that November was a splendid month for the association. There was an attendance of more than a thousand in the gymnasium classes during the month and every room in the association building was occupied.

Miss Troutt in her report called attention especially to the arrangements being made for entertaining out-of-town young ladies who spend Christmas in the city. The entertainment will be given on Christmas evening from 6 to 10 o'clock.

The association has again this year taken part in the "shop early" movement by having 50 placards printed for display in the stores and on the street cars. The extension department of the association also did splendid work and there was also much interest in the educational work.

"Looking into the new year a little, our first consideration," Miss Troutt stated, "should be the Nation-wide jubilee of the Y. W. C. A. The time has come for us to lay definite plans and be ready to go right to work on them on January 1."

The object of the Jubilee as planned by the National Convention at San Francisco last June is that there shall be during February of next year a Nation-wide movement to bring to every member a knowledge of what the association has done for girls the country over and that my association desiring to do so shall give to every member an opportunity of making a free will offering towards the maintenance and extension of local and National association work. Miss Troutt suggested that a committee of three be appointed to arrange for the Jubilee.

The treasurer of the association reported that the association had a balance in bank of $690.77. The directors are desirous of closing the fiscal year on April 1 with a balance and to this end hope that it will be possible to collect all outstanding subscriptions for the support of the association, which now amount to $279.

The membership committee reported that the Association now has a bona fide membership of 1,035, while there are 538 delinquent memberships. Forty-five new members were received during the past month.

The religious work committee reported that great interest is being manifested in the Bible classes. The missionary pageant given in November resulted in $56.92 being given towards the support of a Y. W. C. A. secretary in India.

The physical work committee reported that there are now 187 enrolled in the gymnasium classes with a total attendance during the month of 1,127 The social committee gave a number of entertainments during the month.

The house committee felt highly gratified that a profit of only 69 cents was made during the month from meals and lodging at the association building as it is desired to make this feature self-sustaining. The total receipts were $244.65 and the expenditures were $243.96.

WILMINGTON COMPLIMENTED.

Entertained Methodist Conference in "Splendid Fashion."

In his page of "Conference Notes" in this week's issue of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, Dr. L. S. Massey, editor, has this to say of Wilmington's entertainment of the members and delegates attending the Conference:

"In the matter of entertainment Wilmington laid itself out and looked after the wants of its guests in splendid fashion. We heard not a single complaint of discomfort, nor of a single hitch in the management of any of the details. In handling so large a body of delegates and visitors as attend the North Carolina Conference, it is difficult to avoid some slip or mishap at some point, but Wilmington seems to have accomplished the feat. Brother Bundy made an excellent host, and the people of Wilmington joined heartily with him in giving the glad hand to every comer. Our own entertainment as the guest of Brother W. B. Cooper could not have been excelled."

Yachting Party Here Yesterday.

Mr. Joseph Blakely, wife and daughter, of Freehold, N. J., arrived in the port here yesterday morning in their yacht the Gillivant, on account of bad weather off the North Carolina coast. They were en route to Florida, but finding the sea rough, will go by rail to Charleston, and there meet the yacht and make the rest of the trip through inland waterways. The yacht is a trim looking vessel and has accommodations for about ten persons.

VERDICT FOR THE PLAINTIFF

Jury Awards Damages in the Sum of $6,500 in Witte Case Against the Railroad.

After having been out for about three hours, the jury in the case of Sarah C. Witte against the Atlantic Coast Line and the Schloss-Bear-Davis Company for $50,000 for alleged damages on account of the death of her father in the spring of 1913, returned a verdict for $6,500 damages in Superior court yesterday afternoon. This is the fourth trial of the case, there having been two mistrials. In the second trial, the plaintiff was awarded $5,000 damages from the railroad, but the Supreme Court ordered a new trial. It is probable that the attorneys for the defendants will again ask for a new trial.

The damages awarded by the jury yesterday was from the railroad, it being alleged that the team, owned by Schloss-Bear-Davis Co., which ran over and killed the father of the plaintiff, was frightened by a locomotive of the defendant railroad.

The case of J. G. Callihan against the Seaboard Air Line, in which the plaintiff is seeking $5,000 damages for being carried by his station in July of 1913, was taken up yesterday afternoon and will probably go to the jury today. The plaintiff alleges that he was to get off at Armour but states that he was carried several stations beyond that point. J. Felton Head, Esq., appears for the plaintiff while the Seaboard is represented by Hon. John D. Bellamy.

James H. Hicks and Nellie Hicks were granted a divorce in Superior Court yesterday.

WANTS HOME FOR GIRL.

Rev. J. S. Crowley Would be Glad if Someone Will Come to Rescue.

Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church, is seeking a Christian home for a four-year-old girl, who he says is attractive and in good character. He would be glad if some family would adopt the little girl, as she is in need of a good home. Anyone interested should communicate with Mr. Crowley at his home, No. 508 South Third street.

Begin Residences at Sunset Park.

The Fidelity Trust & Development Company has had work started on three of the 17 residences they are going to build this winter at Sunset Park. The buildings will be of the bungalow type and will be very attractive. Rhodes & Underwood have the contract for the construction and Mr. B. H. Stephens is the architect.

How to Cure Colds.

Avoid Exposure and Drafts. Eat Right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery.

Your Cough and Cold begin to get better as soon as you take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar, healing balsams and mild laxatives. Dr. King's New Discovery kills and expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. It heals the mucous membrane. Search as you will, you cannot find a better cough and cold remedy than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction.

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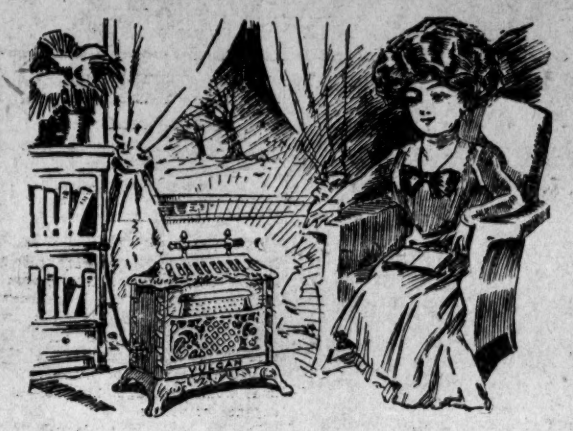

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Thousands of cured men and women attest the success of the Keeley Institute at Greensboro. James M. Pittard of Cedar Grove, N. C., writes:

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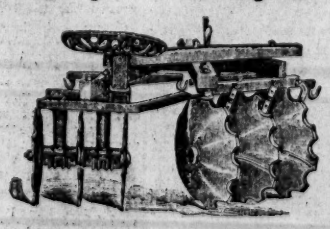

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE.

Pursuant to a power of sale contained in one certain mortgage given by D. M. Bearusley and wife, Sarah E. Bearusley, to H. A. Burr, Jr., on August 14, 1914, and duly recorded in Book 78, page 402, Public Records of New Hanover County, and assigned by the said mortgagee to the Standard Supply Company, default having been made in the payment of the notes secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will, on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1915, at 12:00 o'clock, M., at the Court House door, in Wilmington, North Carolina, offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described pieces, parcels or lots of land, located in Harnett Township, New Hanover County, and bounded and described as follows:

First Tract—Being lot No. 2, Block A, on the Revised Map of Seagate Park, and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the western line of Myrtle Avenue, seven hundred and four (704) feet northwardly from its intersection with the northern line of Bradley's Creek Macadam Road, said point being south 30 degrees west about three hundred and fifty (350) feet from high water mark of west side of Bradley's Creek, runs thence south 30 degrees west and along said western line of Myrtle Avenue fifty-four (54) feet to a point in the northern line of Lot No. six (6) in said Block, runs thence north 61 degrees west and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, thence north 30 degrees east and parallel with Myrtle avenue fifty-four (54) feet; thence south 61 degrees east and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, to the western line of Myrtle Avenue, the beginning.

Second Tract—Being Lot No. 4, Block A, according to Revised Map of Seagate Park, recorded in Book 65, at page 466 of the Records of New Hanover County, aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of a tract of land now or formerly belonging to Gertrude J. Howell, said point being located north 30 degrees E. 715 feet from the northerly line of Bradley's Creek Road, and running thence north 30 degrees E. 377 feet, more or less, to high water mark, on west side of Bradley's or Lee's Creek; thence in a southeastwardly direction along said high water mark of said creek fifty-eight (58) feet to the northwestern corner of Lot No. 3, in said Block; thence south 30 degrees west along the western line of said Lot No. 3, 362 feet, to the southwest corner of said lot No. 3, and thence north 61 degrees west fifty-two and two-tenths (52.2) feet to the beginning, together with necessary right of way as granted in deed from A. W. Pate and wife to S. W. Sebrell, dated April 30, 1909, duly recorded in Book 58, at page 263 of the Records of said County.

Said sale being made subject to a first mortgage for approximately $450.00, given by H. A. Burr, Jr., and wife, to the Rural Building and Loan Association and recorded in Book 68, page 72.

This the 15th day of November, 1915.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON PRICES GO DOWN

Disposition to Sell Heavily in Advance of Government Estimate Today —Loss 2 to 5 Points.

New York, Dec. 9.—Disposition to reduce long lines or to take profits in advance of tomorrow's official crop estimate was the feature in today's cotton market, March sold off to 12.80, or 8 points under last night's closing and about 20 points under yesterday's high level. The close was 3 to 5 points up from the lowest, with the final tone steady at a net loss of 2 to 5 points.

Liverpool was very firm but after opening barely steady at an advance of 4 points to a decline of 2 points, the market here sold 3 to 5 points under last night's closing, as a result of heavy scattered realizing and local pressure. Liverpool was a good buyer on this decline, presumably to cover the short end of straddles at the wider differences and there were rallies of a few points during the middle of the morning but the improvement seemed to meet increased realizing and the market soon eased off. The selling was not particularly urgent or aggressive, but there were reports of increased Southern hedging and offerings seemed to increase on comparatively slight rallies and prices worked gradually lower with January sagging off to 12.52 and May to 13.01 or about 8 points under yesterday's closig. A little covering caused the final rally with January closing at 12.55 and May at 13.06. The talk around the ring hardly reflected any change of opinion as to the probable showing of the official estimate tomorrow but reactionary sentiment was more in evidence than for some time past, and local bears predicted that spot offerings would increase before Christmas, particularly should the bureau fail to inspire a more active demand while there was also talk of Southern mill curtailment. Closed steady.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	12.65	12.65	12.52	12.55
March	12.91	12.91	12.80	12.84
May	13.09	13.13	13.01	13.06
July	13.17	13.21	13.11	13.14
October	.....	12.76	12.68	12.70

Spot quiet; middling uplands 12.65. Sales 300 bales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 12.13; receipts, 13,087; exports, 2,953; sales, 1,185; stock, 376,948.

Galveston—Middling, 12.60; receipts, 15,350; sales, 3,146; stock, 321,820.

Mobile — Middling, 12.13; receipts, 116; sales, 25; stock, 24,040.

Savannah—Middling, 12.38; receipts, 4,555; sales, 742; stock, 225,247.

Charleston—Middling, 12.00; receipts, 1,212; stock, 98,363.

Wilmington — Receipts, 932; stock, 49,247.

Norfolk—Middling, 12.13; receipts, 3,267; sales, 600; stock, 120,140.

Baltimore—Stock, 6,424.

Boston — Middling, 12.70; receipts, 453; exports, 25; stock, 8,200.

Philadelphia—Middling, 12.90; stock, 2,463.

New York—Middling, 12.65; receipts, 119; exports, 875; stock, 304,280.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 4,757; exports, 4,757; stock, 52,163.

Total today—Receipts, 43,843; exports, 8,610; stock, 1,589,325.

Total for week — Receipts, 216,634; exports, 62,237.

Total for season—Receipts, 3,426,533; exports, 1,913,095.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 12.60; receipts, 10,763; shipments, 11,235; sales, 12,589; stock, 217,680.

Memphis—Middling, 12.25; receipts, 6,584; shipments, 4,998; sales, 2,300; stock, 313,974.

Augusta — Middling, 12.00; receipts, 3,121; shipments, 490; sales, 3,122; stock, 204,417.

St. Louis — Middling, 12¼; receipts, 2,656; shipments, 3,381; stock, 13,886.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 2,164; shipments, 418; stock, 15,772.

Little Rock—Middling, 12.25; receipts, 2,152; shipments, 463; sales, 463; stock, 42,556.

Dallas—Middling, 12.00.

Montgomery—Middling, 12.00; sales, 467.

Total today—Receipts, 27,440; shipments, 20,985; stock, 808,285.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Selling Pressure From Liquidating Longs Sends Prices Down.

New Orleans, Dec. 9.—While cotton opened steady today and showed a gain of three points it was soon under selling pressure from liquidation of longs, who were evening up over tomorrow's estimate on the crop from the government and from arbitrage operators who were selling this market against purchases in Liverpool. The close was at the lowest of the day, a net loss of 5 to 8 points.

No real weakness was displayed under the offerings and this was due to forecasts of the government's figures tomorrow and to heavier spot trading in the South. Predictions on tomorrow's report ran from 10,900,000 bales to 11,500,000 with the average of opinion about 11,200,000 to 11,300,000 bales. Telegrams from Dallas reported sales of nearly 35,000 bales on the spot in two days and other important points sent in word of increased trading. Closed steady. Closing bids: January 12.41; March 12.74; May 12.96; July 13.09; October 12.60.

Spot cotton steady, unchanged, sales on the spot 290 bales, to arrive 895. Middling 12.13.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 9. — Cotton, spot, steady. Good middling, 8.14; middling, 7.77; low middling, 7.29. Sales, 10,000; for speculation and export, 1,000. Receipts, 100. Futures, quiet and steady. December, 7.55; December and January, 7.54; January and February, 7.53; February and March, 7.51; March and April, 7.49; April and May, 7.46; May and June, 7.43; June and July, 7.39½; July and August, 7.36½; August and September, 7.31; September and October, 7.02; October and November, 6.98.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 9.—Turpentine, nothing doing, 53¼; sales, —; receipts, 169; shipments, 94; stock, 15,024.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 1,050; receipts, 1,999; shipments, 741; stock, 77,451. Quote: A, B, C, D, E and F, 5.60; G, 5.57½@5.70; H, 5.60@5.75; I, 5.60@5.75; K, 5.95@6.10; M, 6.20; N, 6.50; W G, 6.90; W W, 7.00@7.15.

WHEAT PRICES SENT LOWER

Report That British Empire Has Raised Supply to Last Until Last of April—Close was Nervous.

Chicago, Dec. 9. — Assertions that exclusive of India the British empire had raised enough wheat to supply the United Kingdom import requirements until the end of April, 1916, did considerable today toward bringing about lower prices here. The market closed nervous, ½ to ¾c. down, with December at 1.14⅞ and May at 1.16⅝.

Corn showed a decline of ⅝@½ to ½@⅝c., and oats off ½ to ¾@⅞c.

In provisions, the outcome ranged from 50c. loss to a gain of 2½c.

Grain and provisions close:

Wheat — December, 1.14⅞; May, 1.16⅝.

Corn—December, 67½; May, 71⅝.

Oats—December, 42¼; May, 45¼.

Pork—January, 18.47; May, 18.47.

Lard—January, 9.70; May, 9.97.

Ribs—January, 9.82; May, 10.10.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.21⅛@1.22; No. 3, red, 1.18@1.19; No. 2, hard, nominal; No. 3, hard, 1.08@1.11¼.

Corn—No. 2, yellow old, 71½@72; No. 4, yellow new, 66@67; No. 4, white new, 65@67.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Cherokee, Bunnell, Georgetown, C. J. Becker, agent.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.). 3,289 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Keil (Ger.). 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 9.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—53c.

ROSIN—$5.45, $5.55.

TAR—$2.30-9c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

Quotation same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 42. Rosin, $3.15. Tar, $2.00-8½. Crude Turpentine, firm, $3.25, $3.25, $2.25.

RECKIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	28
Rosin	65
Tar	96
Crude Turpentine	12

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 2 casks; rosin, 10 barrels; tar, 122 barrels; crude turpentine, 3 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—11⅝c. Quotations same day last year, 7c.

Receipts—918 bales; same day last year, 723 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 131,224 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 74,429 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 9, 1915.

Atlantic Coast Line—907 bales cotton; 50 barrels rosin; 48 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—11 bales cotton.

Str. Mary Lee—25 casks spirits turpentine.

Str. Luray—48 barrels tar.

Str. Worth J.—3 casks spirits turpentine; 15 barrels rosin; 8 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—918 bales cotton; 28 casks spirits turpentine; 65 barrels rosin; 96 barrels tar; 12 barrels crude turpentine.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 9.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market lower. Fancy hand-picked, 80c.; No. 1, machine picked, 75c. per bushel.

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop, steady; No. 1, small, machine-picked, 85c.; Jumbos, 80c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 9.)

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Burry, 19 to 28c.; black wool, 17 to 20c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb. Good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c. to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c. owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

EGGS—27c to 28c.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 9. — Spanish: Farmers' stock: Old peanuts, first quality, 70c. per bu.; old, damaged, 40c. to 50c. per bu.; new, dry and clean, 95c. per bu.; new, green and dirty, 60c. to 75c per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: New fancy Jumbo, 3½c. to 3¾c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3¼c. per lb.; new prime, 3c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 9. — Mercantile paper, 3@3¼. Sterling sixty day bills, 4.6750; demand, 4.7210; cables, 4.7275. Bar silver, 56; Mexican dollars, 42¾. Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, heavy. Time loans, weaker; sixty days, 2¼@2½; ninety days, 2½@2¾; six months, 2¾@3. Call money, steady; ruling rate, 1½.

STOCKS AGAIN DEPRESSED

Active Dealing in First Hour Tapers Off—Revival in Final Hour at Expense of Values.

New York, Dec. 9.—Except for the forenoon, when the average prices of leading stocks was slightly higher, today's stock market was under constant professional pressure. Dealing were fairly active in the first hour but tapered off during the mid-session. There was some revival of activity in the final hour, although, however, at the expense of values.

Trading was limited largely to the board room, public interest being noticeably lacking. The foreign situation was agai na pause of depression. The hollow character of the day's operations may be judged from the fact that among most active stocks were a number of obscure mining issues.

Further decline in Anglo-French 5 per cent. notes to 95 for future delivery was another unsettling influence. The minimum price of this security represented a drop of a full point under yesterday's low record and 1 1-4 points under the price at which these notes were taken by nation-wide banking syndicate. Sales of the notes for immediate delivery were made at 97 1-2.

Precipitate declines in motor and war shares were concurrent with advices from Washington quoting a prominent national legislator as favoring a tax on the plants of manufacture of munitions. Losses in this group ran from 6 to 15 points, with only partial recovery later.

United States Steel ranged from 86 3-8, 7-8 under yesterday's close to 87 7-8, closing near its lowest quotation despite forecasts of favorable November tonnage report to be issued tomorrow. Bethlehem Steel advanced 16 to 485 receded to 470 and closed at 471. Rails were an aligible quantity throughout. Sterling exchange strength with demand bills at 4.72 1-8, constituted the chief feature of the international credit markets.

Bonds were irregular to heavy with total sales (par value) aggregating $5,490,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	31¾
American Beet Sugar	71⅝
American Can	60½
American Car and Foundry	80½
American Cities, pfd	46
American Cotton Oil	56½
American Locomotive	69
American Smelting	98¼
American Sugar	116½
American Tel. and Tel	128⅝
American Tobacco	218½
Anaconda Copper	86⅝
Atchison	106½
Atlantic Coast Line	115⅛
Baldwin Locomotive	114
Baltimore and Ohio	93¼
Bethlehem Steel	471
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	88¾
Canadian Pacific	182½
Central Leather	55
Chesapeake and Ohio	62⅞
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	94¼
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	19
Consolidated Gas	143
Crucible Steel	72½
Erie	43
General Electric	176½
General Motors	535
Great Northern, pfd	126⅛
Illinois Central	108½
Interborough Consol. Corp	21⅞
Kansas City Southern	31½
Lehigh Valley	81
Louisville and Nashville	128
Liggett and Myers	255
Lorillard Co	184¾
Missouri, Kan. and Tex., pfd	16¾
Mex. Petroleum	92¼
National Lead	64¾
New York Central	103½
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	74½
Norfolk and Western	120
Northern Pacific	117¼
Pennsylvania	59⅝
Reading	81¼
Rep. Iron and Steel	55⅝
Rep. Iron and Steel, pfd	110¼
Seaboard Air Line	18⅝
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	41¼
Sloss Sheffield Steel and Iron	64
Studebaker Corp	168¾
Southern Pacific	101½
Southern Railway	23¼
Southern Railway, pfd	62½
Tennessee Copper	57¾
Texas Co	211¾
Texas and Pacific	14⅜
Union Pacific	137⅞
United States Rubber	54½
United States Steel	86⅝
United States Steel, pfd	116
Utah Copper	80
Virginia-Caro. Chem	47¼
Western Union	88⅝
Westinghouse Electric	68½
Great Northern Ore	49
Va. I., C. and C.	62
Wabash B. W. I	39
Missouri Pacific	4¾
United Fruit	146½

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET

New York, Dec. 9. — The early decline in cotton seed oil was followed by a partial recovery on fresh buying for outside long account, but the list sagged off again towards the close, under selling by refiners and scattered liquidation. Sales, 27,000 barrels. Closed easier. Spot, 8.32 bid; December, 8.32@8.35; January, 8.35@8.38; February, 8.38@8.42; March, 8.43@8.45; April, 8.47@8.51; May, 8.55@8.57; June, 8.60@8.62; July, 8.63@8.65.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 9. — Hogs—Market, weak. Bulk, 6.30@6.75; light, 5.90@6.75; mixed, 6.15@6.95; heavy, 6.75@6.95; rough, 6.35@6.50; pigs, 4.25@5.90.

Cattle — Firm. Christmas show beeves, 13.60; native beef steers, 5.50@10.50; western steers, 6.10@8.30; cows and heifers, 2.60@8.25. Calves, 6.50@10.35.

Sheep—Firm. Wethers, 6.20@6.75; ewes, 4.30@6.35; lambs, 7.10@9.40.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 9. — Raw sugar, firm. Centrifugal, 5.07; molasses sugar, 4.30.

Coffee—Spot, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 7⅝; Santos, No. 4, 9c.

Butter—Firm.

Eggs—Firm.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 9. — Cotton goods were firm and active today. Yarns, firm. Men's wear sold for fall, 1916, at advances. Raw silk easier.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 10, 1915.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 36 degrees; at 8 P. M., 44 degrees; maximum, 54 degrees; minimum, 36 degrees; mean, 45 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .01.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 3.3 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Fair Friday and probably Saturday; rising temperature Saturday.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 10, 1915.

Sun rises .....7:07 A. M.
Sun sets .....5:03 P. M.
Day's length .....9 hrs. 56 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	12:48	12:00	7:30	4:09
Southport	10:41	11:05	4:20	5:10
Masonboro Inl.	10:30	10:54	4:00	4:50

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 9, 1915.

STATIONS:	Temperature: Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 p.m.
Abilene	clear	72	46	.0
Asheville	clear	36	36	.0
Atlanta	clear	52	38	.0
Augusta	clear	58	40	.0
Baltimore	clear	44	—	.0
Birmingh.	clear	56	40	.0
Boston	snow	40	28	.02
Charleston	clear	60	42	.0
Charlotte	clear	48	38	.0
Chicago	pt cldy	34	32	.0
Galveston	clear	66	56	.0
Jacksonv	clear	66	46	.0
Memphis	clear	54	42	.0
Mobile	clear	70	46	.0
Montgom'y	clear	62	42	.0
New Orl	clear	68	50	.0
New York	clear	42	32	.0
Oklahoma	clear	74	40	.0
Palestine	clear	72	50	.0
Pittsburg	snow	32	30	.04
Raleigh	clear	48	38	.0
Savannah	clear	62	44	.0
Shreveport	clear	72	46	.0
St. Louis	clear	42	30	.0
Washing'n	clear	44	32	.0

FOURTEEN HORSES BURNED

Fire at Red Springs Destroys Livery Stables and Warehouse.

Red Springs, N. C., Dec. 9.—Fire of undetermined origin early today destroyed C. P. Jackson's livery stables, burning 14 fine horses to death. The warehouse of Garrett and McNeill containing hay, fertilizer, etc., was burned, the fire spreading from the stables. The whole livery building was a mass of flames when the alarm was given.

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Arrive Atlanta .....7:00 A. M.
Making connection for Birmingham, Memphis, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago.
For further information call 'phone 178, City Ticket Office, Orton Hotel.
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STOCKS & BONDS
GREENSBORO, N. C.

WE WANT

Ten to Fifteen Thousand North Carolina Bonds right now, and will pay a good price for them.

Wire, 'phone or write us giving amount of Bonds you have for sale, and price of same.

SEND YOUR ORDERS TO US. WE DO IT NOW. WIRE, 'PHONE OR WRITE US FOR WHAT YOU WANT.

Atlantic Coast Line
"The Standard Railroad of the South"
Bulletin of Special Round Trip Fares
—from—
WILMINGTON
CHARLESTON, S. C. $7.35
Account Southern Commercial Congress
On sale Dec. 11, 12 and 13; limited returning December 22.
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. $8.50
On sale December 13, 14 and 15, limited returning December 18, 1915.
For schedules, reservations, etc.
'PHONE 160.
The Standard Railroad of the South
ATLANTIC COAST LINE.
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Southern Commercial Congress
$7.35---CHARLESTON---$7.35

For the above occasion the Atlantic Coast Line will sell excursion tickets from Wilmington to Charleston at $7.35. Tickets will be sold for all trains on December 11, 12 and 13, limited returning to midnight of December 22, 1915. Proportionately low fares will be made from all points on the Atlantic Coast Line.

This is a convention of the greatest importance to the South's commercial, manufacturing and industrial interests, and will be an opening wedge for it's opportunities at this time. In recognition of s importance the United States Government proposes to send nine (9) battleships to Charleston and in addition there will be a large number of cruisers, torpedo boats and submarines there for the inspection and pleasure of the large number of the South's representative citizens who will be present.

For schedules and further information, Phone 160.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.
The Standard Railroad of the South.

Christmas and New Year Excursion Fares

Between all points on the Atlantic Coast Line and points on connecting lines.

Tickets on sale December 17th, 18th, 23rd, 24th and 25th, limited returning until midnight of January 10th, 1916.
ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD
The Standard Railroad of the South
For Ticket and Pullman reservation and any desired information
PHONE 160.

THROUGH SLEEPING CARS
RUNNING EVERY DAY
TO ATLANTA.

Lv. Wilmington .....3:45 P. M.
Ar. Atlanta .....6:05 A. M.

Connects in Union Depot with the "Dixie Flyer," leaving 8:15 A. M. for Chicago and St. Louis, via Chattanooga and Nashville, and with the "South Atlantic Limited," leaving 7:12 A. M., for Cincinnati, Louisville and Indianapolis, via Knoxville.

TO WASHINGTON AND NORFOLK:

Lv. Wilmington .....6:45 P. M.
Ar. Norfolk .....7:35 A. M.
Ar. Washington .....7:50 A. M.
Ar. New York .....1:40 P. M.

Broiler-Buffet service to Washington. Dining Cars thence to New York.
'PHONE 160.
ATLANTIC COAST LINE,
The Standard Railroad of the South.

NOTICE.
ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD COMPANY
AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED AND REFUSED FREIGHT.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 19th, 1915.

By direction of the Freight Claim Agent notice is hereby given that the following listed freight will be sold at Public Auction, for Freight and Other Charges, at the A. C. L. Freight Warehouse in Wilmington, N. C., on Monday, Dec. 20th, 1915:

Goods sold without guarantee of quantity, quality or value. Sale will commence at 11 o'clock A. M.

Terms: Spot Cash.

J. A. HUSKE,
Route Agent A. C. L.,
Fayetteville, N. C.

1 Carload Cross Ties (A. C. L. 18371), from G. S. Ellis, consigned to G. T. & W. J. Flynn, Wilmington, N. C.

J. B. McCABE
Certified Public Accountant
Room 815 Murch. Nat. Bank Bldg.
Phone 996 WILMINGTON, N. C.

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Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.
TICKETS ON SALE DECEMBER 17th, 18th, 23rd, 24th AND 25th.
Limited Returning Before Midnight January 10th.
Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.
TICKETS ON SALE DECEMBER 16th, 17th, 18th, 23rd, 24th AND 25th.
Limited Returning Before Midnight, January 10th.
For Tickets, Pullman reservations, or any information, call 'Phone 178, or apply to Agent.
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ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Oct. 31, 1915. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES.	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 61. 5:30 A.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia, and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to recieve outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M. and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 60. 11:59 P.M. Daily.
No. 84. 5:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 85. 6:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.
No. 48. 7:40 A.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman service.	No. 49. 6:05 P.M. Daily.
No. 63. 8:45 A.M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 59. 5:00 P.M. Daily.
No. 62. 3:25 P.M. Daily.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 52. 3:45 P.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Pullman Cars between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 79. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 80. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
No. 42. 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. 9:50 A.M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.
T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.
WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect November 15, 1915.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrightsville	Leave... Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
.....	.....	.....	b10:31 A. M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b2:06 P. M.	b1:55 P. M.	b1:45 P. M.
a1:10 P. M.	a1:10 P. M.	ae1:10 P. M.	a2:01 P. M.	a1:50 P. M.	af1:45 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:45 P. M.	.....	a2:36 P. M.	a2:25 P. M.	.....
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3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	e6:40 P. M.	7:31 P. M.	7:20 P. M.	f7:15 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:46 P. M.	.....
1:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P.M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS.

Leave Front and Princess Streets every half hour from 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.
Leave Beach every half hour from 2:45 to 5:45 P. M.

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b—Sundays only.
c—Superseded by half hour cars Sund y afternoons.
d—Goes through to Seagate; returning, leaves Seagate at 3:00 P. M.
e—Does not go beyond Station No. 3.
f—Leaves from Station No. 3.

FREIGHT SCHEDULE.
(Daily Except Sunday)

Leave Ninth and Orange streets, 3:30 P. M.
Freight Depot open from 3:30 to 3:30 P. M.

For Sale

800 rolls Cotton Bagging.
1300 bundles Cotton Ties.
30 bags Wheat.
2000 bushels Rust Proof Seed Oats and Burt Oats.
75 bags Rye.
All Tested by the Agricultural Department.
150 bags Nitrate Soda.
4000 kegs Nails.
300 bbls. Molasses.
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Steamship Chippewa, Fri., Dec. 10th.
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Steamship Chippewa, Mon., Dec. 13th.
Steamship Cherokee, Mon., Dec. 20th.

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Steamship Cherokee, Sat., Dec. 11th.
Steamship Chippewa, Sat., Dec. 18th.

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H. G. SMALLBONES, Commercial Agent, Wilmington, N. C.
General Offices: Pier 36 N. R., New York

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY
The Progressive Railway of the South.
Effective June 9th, 1915.
No. 13—4:00 P. M. THROUGH STEEL SLEEPER BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND ATLANTA—THROUGH PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE.
Train for Lumberton, Maxton, Laurinburg, Charlotte and intermediate points, connecting at Hamlet for all points North, South and West.
No. 19—5:00 A. M.—THROUGH SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE—Open at 10:00 P. M. for Passengers. Train for Charlotte and intermediate points, connecting at Hamlet for all points North and West.
For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Bldg, Wilmington; 'Phone 178.
R. W. WALLACE, H. E. PLEASANTS, C. T. A. T. P. A.
Wilmington, N. C.
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CANCELS SEIZURE OF HOCKING AND GENESEE

Great Britain Accedes to the American Protest.

Test Cases Will be Tried in Prize Court to Dispose of Charge That the Steamers Are Partly German-Owned.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Great Britain advised the United States today that in response to the State Department's protest in the case of the steamship Hocking and other vessels of the American Trans-Atlantic Company, orders requisitioning the Hocking and Genesee will be cancelled and test cases would be tried promptly in a prize court to dispose of the charge that the company is partly German-owned.

Two of the steamers seized by British cruisers, the Winnebago and the Tankakee, will be released under bond. The Hocking and Genesee cases will be made the basis of the test. To accelerate disposition of the issue the cases will be transferred from Halifax and St. Lucia to London, thus avoiding delay by appeals from subordinate courts.

Notice of Great Britain's action came to Secretary Lansing through Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador here, and Ambassador Page at London.

After the seizure of the Hocking and Genesee it was announced that they were to be requisitioned for the use of the British government, without awaiting the outcome of prize court proceedings. The United States protested vigorously, insisting that cases involving vessels of American registry be dealt with regularly and without delay in the prize courts. The Trans-Atlantic Company has filed with the State Department affidavits from its stockholders in an effort to prove that every share is owned by citizens of the United States.

FOUR ARMY PLANS DIFFER RADICALLY

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posals. It contains no mention of the continental army scheme which is the feature of the War Department programme, and proposes instead practically doubling the standing army.

The Hay scheme includes the continental army proposal virtually as presented by President Wilson, though it does not contemplate all of the increases in the regular establishment also suggested, and would provide that the organized militia receive pay from the government on a scale of one-fourth of the pay of the regular army.

The war college plan has not been made public. It is generally understood, however, to propose a far larger increase in the regular army than the adminstration recommendations contemplate.

Senate military committee members compared the Chamberlain and Hay plans for the regular army today with those suggested by the War Department. They found the following results, the figures quoted showing the increased numbers of organizations asked for each arm of the service.

ANCONA NOTE NOT YET MADE PUBLIC

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clusion of the conference, neither Mr. Polk nor the charge would reveal the details of their discussion.

Information concerning the principal factor considered in the framing of the American note was obtained after it had been said at the State Department that no reply to the list of inquiries recently submitted to the Vienna foreign office through Ambassador Penfield had been received. The administration of the Austrian admiralty were contained in an official statement issued on November 14th, which, after giving the Austrian version of the chase of the Ancona, continued as follows:

"The submarine allowed 45 minutes for the passengers and crew to abandon the steamer, on board of which panic reigned, but only a small number of boats were lowered and these were occupied principally by the crew. A great number of boats, probably sufficient to save all the passengers, remained unoccupied.

"After a period of 50 minutes, and as another steamer was approaching, the submarine submerged and torpedoed the Ancona which sank after an additional 45 minutes."

This statement was accepted here as an unqualified admission that many of the passengers were still aboard when the Ancona received her death blow.

FIRE COMPLETELY DESTROYS HOPEWELL

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Special trains were arranged for to carry many of the homeless families to Wilmington, Del.

With the entire place under martial law, work at the plant went on as usual, the only indications of the great conflagration being the smoking embers of the town. Soldiers were on guard at all points.

Water Inadequate.

When a call was sent out for assistance the Petersburg fire department sent two engine companies aboard flat cars to the scene. Companies in Richmond were held in readiness to go to the rescue, but, as the water supply of this place is limited, dependent almost entirely upon the system of the Dupont plant, it was found that it would be useless to bring more engines.

Those in charge of the powder plant were said to have delayed turning on their water to make certain it was not needed to protect the company's property. Some said that, had the water been immediately available, most of the town could have been saved. Others were of the opinion that the flames spread so rapidly that it would have been impossible to stop them had water been available.

Not a building in the town proper was left standing, the two banks, the Hopewell State and the Farmers & Mechanics, were destroyed. However, the officers managed to save all cash and securities on hand and removed them to City Point. The court house and jail also went down. The prisoners were moved in ample time to the lock-up within the Dupont reservation. The Tabernacle, Hopewell's only house of worship, was a total loss. The Eppes warehouse, one of the biggest buildings in the place, went down between the dynamiters.

Militia Arrives on Scene.

Early in the afternoon, seeing the necessity for a strong force of armed guards, Chief of Police Cotton requested Governor Stuart to send the militia. At 8 o'clock four companies of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues under command of Major Bowles and four companies of the Richmond Grays under Major Bright, arrived and at once took charge. At 10 o'clock the town was officially pronounced under martial law.

A conference was then held between Major Bowles, Major Bright, Chief of Police Cotton and Chief Reeves, of the Dupont force. Major Bowles was placed in absolute command and orders were given to all company commanders to see that their men use every possible means to stop any attempt at looting among the ruins. The soldiers pitched camp near the scene, and spent the night under shelter tents. The place at once took on the appearance of an armed camp.

Oil Stove Starts Fire.

The fire started in a Greek boarding house on Carson street in the rear of the Victoria hotel which faced on Broadway. It was caused when an oil stove was accidentally turned over. Persons present thought that it would be put out without difficulty and simple efforts to quench it failed. Fed by a small stream of oil from the stove the blaze ate its way through the frame work and when it got to the outside the tiny flames leaped as it was fanned by the stiff breeze. In a moment the building was a mass of flames. It spread quickly in another instant to the hotel and that was enveloped quickly. The seriousness of the situation, increased by the wind, was then made apparent. Fire apparatus owned by the Dupont Company responded when a call for help was sent. This private department is composed of small motor engines but they were unable to cope with the situation and prevent the fire from eating its way from building to building, which it did with amazing rapidity.

Hoot Idea of Incendiarism.

The arrest of a man in the gun cotton plant on Wednesday, on the belief that he was a German spy, led to the report that the disastrous conflagration was started by Teuton conspirators. Officials, however, hooted the idea.

Every street in the place was swept. The Norfolk & Western railway station and Southern Express Company's office were among the first buildings to go. Among the well known places of the community which are now marked only by ashes, are the Commercial Cafe, the Petersburg Cafe, the Hopewell Underselling Store, the International Restaurant, the Dudley Hotel, the Aristocratic Hotel, the Blue Mouse Hotel. Only ruin remains on all sides.

As the buildings were of cheap construction, their loss will not be of great value. But the various stores carried enormous stocks, some partially and some not at all insured, so that the practical loss will be that of merchandise.

MILITIA IS ON DUTY

Men and Women, Rendered Homeless, Flock to Petersburg.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 9.—Hopewell, a city of 25,000 people located at the gun cotton plant of the E. I. Dupont de Nemours Company near here, was practically destroyed by fire this afternoon. The fire is not under control, but there is little left to burn. The town was chiefly of wood, but many brick buildings burned. There was practically no insurance on buildings practically no insurance on buildings a million. No lives are known to have been lost. A negro was hanged for looting.

At the request of the chief of police, Governor Stuart rushed six companies of militia from Richmond to the scene. They are on duty tonight.

Homeless Flock to Petersburg.

The Petersburg militia is on duty in this city tonight. Mayor Cabaniss ordered all saloons closed at 7 o'clock. The city is filling up with men and women rendered homeless by the fire. The city council of Petersburg is holding a special session tonight for the purpose of making an appropriation to relieve the needs of the people. The churches of the city have been opened as a sleeping place for the homeless.

The fire broke out at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon on the third floor of a Greek restaurant on Appomattox street. The fire was fanned by a brisk breeze and within ten minutes the entire block was an entire mass of flames.

The Dupont fire department and the Petersburg department were requested to forward assistance. Long before they arrived the fire had gotten such headway that in spite of everything that could be done by the combined forces the fire destroyed every business house, restaurant and hotel in town.

Eleven-Year-Old Boy a Hero.

The three-story restaurant which first caught was blazing when Adam Drum, an eleven-year-old Richmond boy, arrived on the scene. He had left his home in Dupont City to visit the business district and was attracted to the scene by the crowds that lined the street leading to the burning building. He rushed into the building and up to the second floor.

He heard the screams of a baby and rushed into a front room on that floor. He appeared at the front window a second later with the infant in his arms. He shouted to the men below to hold a blanket and hardly had they grabbed a bed covering from among those thrown from the building when the boy leaned forward and with a cry, fell forward with the infant in his arms. The mother of the infant dashed from the building a second later, her dress afire.

The boy landed squarely on the makeshift net and firm arms helped him to his feet. The flames that enveloped the mother's dress were extinguished. He turned and rushed into a building next door and brought out a second infant, this time from the first floor. By-shianders weer astounded at his daring conduct. Men with guns strapped to their sides carried the boy away from danger, down the dusty street on their shoulders.

No Deaths From Burning.

Mothers and fathers with infants in their arms fled from the frame buildings that were hurriedly thrown together during the summer to accommodate the Dupont employes and several were injured, although no deaths were reported from burning.

Hopewell, until two months ago, was a wide open town and much trouble had been experienced in maintaining order in the place which sprung into existence last spring. The town grew in six months from one country store to a city of 35,000 inhabitants with two daily newspapers. Men carried guns, and cabaret shows were run.

Tonight the town has reverted back to the conditions existing before Governor Stuart sent special officers to the town to close up the red light district. Everywhere, lawyers, doctors and business men are sitting on the goods which they managed to save from the flames, with either a rifle across their knee or a gun at their belt.

The stores, hotels, restaurants, office buildings and other structures destroyed will probably number four hundred.

There was little disorder, although a great deal of confusion and excitement existed. The force of 14 policemen aided by the guards from the Dupont plant, numbering over 200 men, were on duty in the town.

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BAPTISTS PLAN FOR SEASIDE ASSEMBLY FOR NEXT SUMMER

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meet in our city next year. Signed "P. G. SAWYER, Mayor."

Committees Named.

President J. A. Oates appointed the following committees:

To nominate Ministers' Relief Board: I. N. oLftin, J. W. Snyder, F. B. Ashcraft, S. A. Howard, D. L. Probert, P. S. Vann, D. P. Dellinger.

To Nominate State Mission Board: G. M. Stephenson, K. W. Cauthorn, T. M. Arrington, L. W. Swope, J. A. Sullivan, M. L. Shipman, A. W. Cooke.

On Time and Place: A. E. Tate, J. H. Vernon, W. O. Riddick, W. N. Johnson, James Long, S. McIntyre, A. A. Butler.

Committee on Laymen's Work—To report in 1916: E. W. Sikes, F. P. Hobgood, C. A. Smith, E. McK. Goodwin, J. M. Stoner, C. W. Wilson, M. L. Hooper, C. A. Jenkins, G. E. Leftwich.

Social Service Committee: W. L. Poteat, A. Johnson, R. A. McFarland, R. E. White, C. A. Upchurch, W. C. Dowd, G. T. Lumpkin.

Biblical Recorder: T. W. Chambliss, J. S. Snyder, W. A. Goodson, R. T. Allen, L. B. Padgett, J. W. Downing, L. M. White.

The Education Board.

This afternoon Dr. R. T. Vann, corresponding secretary of the board of education, presented the first annual report of the board. The report was exceptionally interesting and optimistic. The total enrollment of the high schools which are under the supervision of the board is 2,619. They have property valued at $324,700. The three colleges, Meredith, Wake Forest and Chowan, report total enrollment of 951 and property valued at $1,174,280.

All of the high schools except three report increased enrollment. In the colleges, Chowan gained 15; Meredith 21, and Wake Forest 23 over last year. The report shows 83 ministerial students at Wake Forest College this year and 71 of these are receiving financial aid from the board. The board also aids 35 young men who are attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. A telegram of greeting came to the Convention from the North Carolina "boys" who are at the Seminary, Wednesday, and Dr. W. R. Cullom was requested to reply to it.

The financial section of the report shows that the books were closed with a balance of $1,036 on hand, but the larger part of this will later be remitted. The board, however, closes its first year in good condition.

The Orphanage Work.

Rev. M. L. Kesler, general manager of the Thomasville Orphanage, read the annual report Thursday morning. The report recites the work of the year. The institution is caring for 500 children—450 at Thomasville and 50 at the Kennedy Home. Since beginning the work at the Kennedy Home, $25,000 has been expended in permanent improvements. This is the 10th year of the management and Mr. Kesler presents some interesting comparisons. Ten years ago the current fund amounted to $19,655.22 for the year. This year the same fund totals $46,-941.73. Ten years ago the institution was caring for 301 children. Today the number is increased to 500.

Ten years ago the school had seven grades and now it has ten. Twelve buildings have been either erected or enlarged without including the three barns, the laundry has been installed, the infirmary, the nursery and the industrial building—all built and in use. Electric lights have been installed, the Little auditorium has been completed and much improvement made in furniture and furnishings. The total cost of these improvements is $90,000. Forty acres have been added to the farm at Thomasville, and the Kennedy Home farm of 1,200 acres has come to the institution by bequest. The total value of the additional real estate received is $125,000.

The total of the Thanksgiving offering can not be given for the reason that all of the gifts have not yet been received by the treasurer, but the amount will be close to $25,000.

Old Ministers' Relief.

Corresponding Secretary J. M. Arnette read the annual report of the ministers' relief board. The board is now ajding 35 ministers or their widows and several applications for aid are pending. In this connection the Convention received a communication from the Tar River Association suggesting a committee be appointed by the Convention to consider the wisdom of building a home for aged ministers, the committee to report in 1916. This committee was appointed.

Livingston Johnson, retiring corresponding secretary, introduced to the Convention the pastors who have located within the State during the year. These men stood on the platform and the Convention welcomed them by standing. The new pastors are: B. W. N. Simms, Lenoir; S. L. Naff, Winston-Salem; W. T. Baucom, Pineville; G. L. Bennett, Old Fort; C. E. Pruett, Fruitland; K. D. Stukenbrok, Jackson; R. E. Clark, May's Chapel; J. E. Dupree, Salemburg; H. A. Blanchard, Greenville; R. H. Bowden, Tarboro; J. W. P. Hill, Boiling Springs; L. U. Weston, Mooresville; O. W. McManus, Gibson Station; F. M. Hudgins, Belmont; M. W. Buck, Burlington; L. M. White, Monroe; E. A. Rhyne, Gastonia; T. S. Guy, Kenansville.

Interesting Addresses.

The addresses delivered at the Convention every year are always worth while, but this year it seems that they are above the average. The addresses of Rev. C. E. Maddry and Wallace Hartsell, on the work of the Baptist Young People, and of Rev. C. L. Greaves, Lumberton, on Sunday Schools, reached the heart of the Convention. Dr. J. T. Henderson, of Chattanooga, Tenn., was at his best when he spoke on Stewardship—the Need of the Hour.

Rev. B. D. Gray, corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., was magnificent—he always is, but this time he seemed to reach higher and at the same time gripped the people.

Rev. Dr. J. F. Love, corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, brought a splendid message and Rev. I. M. Mercer, of Thomasville, presented the work of the women of North Carolina in his own inimical way. Every address has been above par.

Biblical Recorder.

Rev. T. W. Chambliss, of Wilson, read the report on the Biblical Recorder. The report insists that the Recorder is a denominational agency and should be so considered. It is the publicity department of all other denominational agencies. The report recommended that churches place the Recorder in the homes of those people not now subscribers in order that they may be informed of denominational matters. Rev. Baylus Cade spoke to the report and the Convention adopted the recommendations.

An Epochal Convention.

This has certainly been an epochal convention. This afternoon was another instance, when the "committee on simpler plan" presented their report and the convention adopted it without even consideration by sections. The work of the convention next year will be an effort to accustom itself to the new order of things.

Rev. W. N. Johnson, corresponding secretary elect, announced that he would formally accept the position after closing his work at Wake Forest. Mr. Johnson said he "could take no other step."

The Convention adopted feeling resolutions reciting their love for Dr. Livingston Johnson and expressive of their appreciation of his service. Dr. R. T. Vann, representing over a hundred individual admirers, presented Dr Johnson and his wife with a chest of silver, suitably inscribed.

Plans were made to sell fifty lots at Ridgcrest and save the assembly from the danger of loss by reason of debt. The property there is worth over $100,000 and a few thousand will save the entire amount.

GERMANY IS READY TO DISCUSS PEACE BUT ON CONDITIONS

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those of certain members of the English House of Lords, were unheard.

The theories advanced by Germany's enemies, he said, had lost their force. People had ceased speaking of a war of twenty years. The pretext that the war was being waged for the protection of small nations had lost its persuasive power in view of recent events in Greece. "Small countries are in a serious plight since England has been fighting for them," he remarked.

He discussed the principle of nationality as applied by Germany's enemies. He asked whether the British colonial secretary knew that of the 1,900,000 inhabitants of Alsace more than 87 per cent. spoke German as the mother tongue. He asked whether Poland belonged to Russia by right of nationality, whether this principle lost its power and value if applied to India or Egypt. Germany's enemies, blinded at the beginning of the war by false stories, excited to hatred, were now able, after military and diplomatic defeats, to cling only to the idea of Germany's annihilation.

For this purpose there has been invented the theory that Germany could be starved. On this point the chancellor said, with particular emphasis:

Food Supplies Plentiful.

"We all agree that our food supplies are sufficient, that the only important question is distribution. The economic unit stretching from Arras into Mesopotamia cannot be crushed."

Referring to the discussion whether Germany's enemies would be able to bring greatly superior forces into the field, the chancellor mentioned the fact that France already has called to the colors the class of 1917, bringing into the war youths under the usual military age.

The chancellor referred to the charge that members of the crew of a German submarine had been shot while defenseless by the crew of the British patrol boat Baralong and said the English press had concealed the facts of this case from the nation. As he made these remarks the whole house arose as an expression of indignation.

Speaking of the guarantees of the honor of Germany in the future to be included in the peace terms, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg insisted that the longer the war is continued, with increasing bitterness by Germany's enemies, the greater is the need of such guarantees.

A War of Defense.

"We do not fight in order to subjugate other nations," he said. "We fight for the protection of our life and liberty. For the German government the war has always been what it was at the beginning—a war of defense for the German nation and for her future.

"The war can be terminated only by a peace which will give the certitude that war will not return. We all agree about that. There lies and there always will lie the root of our strength."

Newspapers of the Entente nations, Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg contintinued, "were full of sensational untruths about Germany, announcing in headlines: "Germany defeated.- Germany at her end. Germany begs for peace." Many other nonsensical reports have been published, soon as the assertion that Emperor William was preparing for a solemn entry into Constantinople in order to dictate terms of peace.

This campaign, he continued, began at the moment when the diplomatic efforts of the Entente in the Balkans broke down.

"After these failures, "he said, "the Entente powers needed something in order to divert public attention from their own miserable conditions."

The chancellor urged the people of Germany to consider only the facts—the real situation in this country, and on the fighting front. "Against the convincing power of these facts our enemies are helpless," he said. "There is nothing in our situation which could shake our confidence. If our enemies now refuse to recognize the facts, they will have to do so later."

When the chancellor ended his speech the whole chamber joined in an outburst of applause.

Socialist Member Speaks.

After the declaration regarding peace terms had been made there was a tumultuous scene in the chamber, brought on by a misunderstanding in regard to the order of business. This, however, was soon adjusted. Then Herr Landsberg, a socialist member, made a protest against French and British misrepresentations of the present situation. He added, amid enthusiastic applause:

"Every German of every class, beginning with the working man, is resolved that whoever dares attempt to cut even the smallest slice from the body of the German empire will meet with general German resistence until it is taken out of his hands."

Dr. Scheidemann's address was received with a degree of interest, second only to that aroused by the chancellor's speech. He reminded the House that at the beginning of the war the Socialists had approved the attitude of the German government. A glance at the map, he continued, would show that Germany, conscious of her strength and her successes, could not speak of peace without running the risk of being considered weak hearted or dispirited.

Dr. Scheidemann protested against the attitude of those who dream of the annexation of much territory and spoke with equal earnestness in denunciation of those enemies of Germany who advocate dismemberment of this country.

Although Germany had won enormous successes with her armies, he continued, they had been gained at the price of heavy sacrifices. In view of the situation, the question of peace was important in all countries. The difficulty lay in the fact that statesmen did not know how to begin negotiations fearing such a step would be considered a proof of weakness.

Longing for Peace General.

In this connection Dr. Scheidemann spoke of the statement made recently in the English house of commons by Baron Courtney that the British government should show itself ready to accept any suggestions which would end the war. He referred to the attitude of Italian socialists and to the utterances of Count Andrassy, former Hungarian premier. He asserted that, according to reliable private information, the longing for peace in France was general.

Dr. Scheidemann insisted that his remarks, like those of Baron Courtney, could not be interpreted as a sign of lessening strength, but were made in view of the fact that the war was bringing Europe to the verge of ruin.

The words of Emperor William, that for Germany this was no war of conquest, were recalled by the speaker. Inasmuch as Germany had defended her frontiers successfully, it was proper to ask the chancellor for an expression in regard to conditions of peace.

NAVY YARDS TO BUILD TWO NEW BATTLESHIPS

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them. The last battleship constructed by the navy, he said, had cost $7,200,-000 for hull and machinery, but increased torpedo defenses in the new ships would mean an additional cost of $150,000 to $175,000. Congress set the limit of cost for each ship at $7,800,000, and the secretary said that while the department would not hold itself to the estimates submitted by the New York and Mare Island yards, there was a wide margin between those figures and the Congressional limit.

The ships will require 68,422,220 pounds of structural steel and bids recently received from steel companies show that it can be obtained at less than the cost estimated by the yards. Armor plate prices are unchanged from last year. Mr. Daniels expects both ships to be completed within 34 months. Chairman Tillman, of the Senate Naval committee, announced today it would introduce a bill for the construction of a government armor plate plant of 20,-000 tons capacity, and to cost $10,000,-000. Secretary Daniels recommended the construction of such a plant last year, and will renew his proposal this winter.

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U. S. Bonds (at par)	270,000.00	Surplus and Undivided Profits	57,833.36
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Bonds and Securities	24,213.50	Rediscounts (with Federal Reserve Bank)	77,266.45
Banking House and Fixtures	45,662.65	Special Bond Account	45,000.00
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Liquidation Account Southern National Bank	106,138.65	Special Reserve	21,000.00
Cash and Due by Banks	2,011,503.12	Deposits	5,898,094.88
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